GOSHEN MERIT BADGE PREREQUISITE LIST
2011

*Not all merit badges taught at all camps. Please see individual camp program schedules for each camps lits of merit badges

Merit Badge	Comments	Complete before camp
Archery	Some may require many hours to complete this merit badge; usually not recommended for first year scouts	
Art	Good for any scout	4
Astronomy	Weather permitting time consuming	5b, 6
Aviation	Olmsted Only. Good for older scouts	4
Backpacking	Olmsted and Marriot Only. Scouts should review requirements before committing to this badge	8b, 8c, 8d, 9b, 9d, 9e, 10, 11
Basketry	Cost of materials about $25	
Bird Study	Bowman and Olmsted Only. Good for scouts with a major interest. Requires studying while at camp	
Camping	Scouts should review requirements before committing to this badge	7b, 8d, 9
Canoeing	Physical strength needed, pass swimmers test on first day	
Citesenship in the World	Good for Older Scouts	
Climbing	Taught at Post; limited class size, scouts must bring tennis shoes for this	
Communications	Bowman and Olmsted Only. Not recommended for first year scouts	8-can be done in camp by the troop; will not be done during class
Computers	Olmsted Only. Good for older scouts	7
Electricity	Olmsted Only. Good for older scouts	2, 8
Electronics	Olmsted Only. Good for older scouts	
Emergency Preparedness	Good for older scouts	1, 2c
Energy	Olmsted and Marriot Only. Good for older scouts	4
Engineering	Olmsted and Marriot Only. Good for older scouts	
Environmental Science	Not recommended for first year scouts	
Fire Safety	Marriot Only.	11
First Aid	Not recommended for first year scouts	
Fish and Wildlife Management		5, 7 - 7 requires scout to catch a fish; will not have poles available
Fishing	Fishing rod required	9 - maybe be difficult
Forestry	Not recommended for first year scouts	7 will be done in camp upon availability of local forester
Geology	Difficult to complete at camp	
Hiking	Difficult to complete at camp	5, 6, 7
Indian Lore	Olmsted and Marriot only. Good for any scout; may cost $10-$15	
Insect Study		7
Journalism	Olmsted Only. Good for older scouts	2
Leatherwork	Good for first year scouts, cost of materials about $15	
Lifesaving	Good for older scouts and strong swimmers skills, long sleeve button-down shirt, pants, belt, shoes, and socks	1a

Mammal Study	Part of first year program, good for any scout	
Motor Boating	Bowman and Marriot Only. Good for older scouts. Limited class size	
Music	Olmsted Only. Good for older scouts	3
Nature	Difficult to complete at camp	If scouts want the following options: 4a(2), 4d(2), 4f(1, 2)
Nuclear Science	Olmsted and Marriot Only. Good for older scouts	5
Oceanography	Not recommended for first year scouts	
Orienteering	1-2 hours a day not recommended or first year, bring compass	
Photography	Olmsted Only. Not for first year scouts, film and developing about $15	
Pioneering	2 hours daily, not recommended for first year scouts	
Public Speaking	Olmsted Only.	
Reptile and Amphibian study	Good for any scout	8
Rifle shooting	Requires two hours daily previous	
Rowing	Physical strength needed, pass swimmers test on first day good for older scouts	
Sculpture	Olmsted Only.	
Shotgun Shooting	Good for older scouts, require physical strength; cost $25-$40	
Small Boat Sailing	Limited Class Sizes; Age and rank comes first, pass swimmers test on first day	Good for Older Scouts
Soil and Water Conservation	Time consuming, good for older scouts	
Space Exploration	Olmsted and Marriot Only. Cost about $10-$15	
Swimming	Part of first year program, pass swimmers test on first day, long sleeve button-down shirt, and long pants	Second Class Rank: 7a-7c; First Class Rank 9a-9c
Textile	Olmsted Only. Good for any scout	
Theater	Olmsted and Bowman Only.	1
Water Sports	Bowman and Marriot Only. Good for older scouts. Limited class size	
Weather	Good for any scout	
Wilderness Survival	Overnight trip, good for older scouts	
Wood Carving	Good for older scouts, cost about $10	2a

Archeology	Good for Older Scouts	
Cinematography	Good for Older Scouts	
Architecture	Good for Older Scouts	2

Other

BSA Lifeguard	Must be 14 takes 6-8 hours a day everyday
Kayaking BSA	Good for older scouts
X-Pride (Olmsted Only)	Must be at least 14