

ADVANCEMENT

MERIT BADGE PROGRAM

New merit badges for 2016!

- Chess – for all Scouts
- Cooking – for all Scouts
- Fish & Wildlife Management – for second-year campers and older
- Orienteering – for all Scouts
- Photography – for third-year campers and older
- Reptile & Amphibian Study – for second-year campers and older
- Soil & Water Conservation – for third-year campers and older



Unit leaders should guide Scouts to set achievable goals: Some subjects require a greater length of time for instruction than others, and this should be taken into account when scheduling them. Unless otherwise noted, merit badge classes are Monday through Friday. One successful technique for retaining information is for Scouts to take instruction from the camp staff member in a given subject, then for an adult troop leader to review the knowledge gained with the Scouts.

The merit badge pamphlets for the badges offered at camp are available at each camp's trading post; however, your Scouts may wish to buy (or borrow) pamphlets prior to camp. In any event, Scouts should obtain, read, and study the *current* pamphlet for each merit badge they wish to pursue prior to attending classes.

Partial completion of a merit badge is not a failure, it is what the name indicates: partial success. Many Scouts will complete only sections of badges with pre-requisites or that are very difficult. They then can complete them with another counselor at home or back at camp the following summer. Partial completions are valid until a Scout turns 18.

Please be sure to provide the required documentation for Scouts who have completed requirements for merit badges before they come to camp.



VOYAGEUR PROGRAM FOR FIRST-YEAR CAMPERS

The Voyageur Program is designed for Scouts who have recently joined a troop or have just crossed over from Webelos. Here new Scouts are immersed in the Scouting program and the S bar F Scout Ranch. Scouts will learn the patrol method and basic Scouting skills, and experience some of the many programs available at summer camp, in addition to receiving instruction in Woodcarving and Swimming Merit Badges.

The program is not intended for Scouts to advance to First Class rank during one week at camp; it is intended to bolster a troop's advancement program. Voyageur Program staff will provide documentation of rank advancement instruction covered during the week; unit leadership is responsible for reviewing and certifying rank advancement for Scouts.

The Voyageur Area is located in Smith Campsite at Camp Famous Eagle and in Moreno Campsite at Camp Gamble. Scouts attend the Voyageur Program 9am to 12pm and 2-3pm Monday through Friday, and may choose two merit badges in the afternoons. The additional fee of \$10 covers the cost of program materials, and is collected at the time of registration.

Leaders with more than five Scouts in the Voyageur Program are asked to assist by providing adult supervision as they have time available.



MERIT BADGES FOR OLDER SCOUTS

S bar F has exciting merit badge opportunities to keep your older Scouts coming back year after year! These badges are offered to Scouts who are at least 14 years old or in their fourth year of camp. Several classes have an additional cost for participation; fees are collected online, at the time of registration.

- Climbing
- Horsemanship (\$20)
- Shotgun Shooting (\$40)
- Motorboating (\$10)
- Water Sports (\$20)

