

Winter Camp

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Merit Badge Guidebook

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Introduction

This separate Merit Badge Guidebook is a companion document to the Winter Camp Guidebook (which can be found at PipsicoBSA.com/events-programs/winter-camp/). Use the information provided in this document to help participants choose their schedule for the Winter Camp event.

For updates please refer to the Pipsico website at http://PipsicoBSA.com click on the "Special Events" link at the top of the page and then Winter Camp.

Merit Badge Information

One of the main purposes of Winter Camp is to provide an opportunity to work on and earn merit badges. Per National advancement policies, Scouts must have their Scoutmaster's approval before beginning work on a merit badge. The camp will provide qualified merit badge counselors to present the merit badge material, and lead practical assignments and exercises.

Merit badge counselors will indicate on the Merit Badge Card (downloaded from the reports section of your online registration) what each Scout has completed at camp, but it is **ultimately the Scoutmaster's responsibility to sign off on whether they feel the merit badge has been satisfactorily completed.**

Merit Badge Session Sign-Ups

Each session will have a maximum number of scouts enrolled. Each Merit Badge Counselor determines the capacity of the group.

The Merit Badge & Course Offering Schedule is included within this document. When you receive it, please review the Merit Badge Schedule and make a copy of the Winter Camp Schedule form for each Scout attending Winter Camp. Meet with each Scout to discuss the merit badge(s) they are is interested in and which one(s) are needed for their next rank advancement. Scouts should pick a 1st AND 2nd choice of merit badges. You will need their choices to continue onto step 2 in the enrollment process outlined below.



Merit Badge registration will be done ONLINE, and will be on a first come, first-serve basis and based on the availability of merit badge counselors. Online MB registration will be open starting at **10AM on December 12th**. Once MB classes are full, they will automatically close. All registrations for the event and for MB sessions will be through your unit's registration portal for the event.

You MUST have Scout's Age and Rank Completed in registrations before Merit Badge Registration opening!
Watch this 3-minute video prior to Merit Badge Registration opening-
https://youtu.be/Tat1XJ2UF-U

Senior Scouts- Unit Leader's; the Eagle required Merit Badges of Communications, Citizenship in the Nation, and Citizenship in the World are extremely detailed and popular badges. In order for Scouts to get the full educational benefit of these badges and to allow Scouts from every unit registering (needing these for rank advancement) the opportunity to register for these courses, we **STRONGLY SUGGEST** a minimum rank requirement **of at least First Class** to register Scouts for these three classes.

Interested in Counseling a Merit Badge?? Come with a positive outlook and aid every scout! To volunteer you must be a registered merit badge counselor, contact Wes Parker at wparker@pipsicobsa.com.

REMEMBER!! Scouts MUST bring to camp any pre-requirements for the merit badge(s) they are taking. Failure to do so will not make it possible to complete the merit badge at camp and the scout will be issued a partial complete.

Merit Badges

Merit Badge	Saturday		Sunday		Monday
	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5
American Heritage					
American Indian Culture					
Animation					
Archaeology					
Archery	Offering #1 Part 1	Offering #2 Part 1	Offering #1 Part 2	Offering #2 Part 2	
Art					
Artificial Intelligence					
Astronomy					
Automotive Maintenance					
Chemistry					
Citizenship in the Community					
Citizenship in the Nation					
Citizenship in the World					
Climbing					
Coin Collecting					
Collections					
Communication		Part 1			Part 2
Cooking	(Additional $22 Fee for Food Supplies)				
Disabilities Awareness					
Electricity					
Engineering					
Farm Mechanics					
Finger Printing					
First Aid					
Forestry					
Geocaching					
Geology					
Graphic Arts					
Health Care Professionals					
Law					
Mining in Society					
Model Design and Building					
Moviemaking					
Nuclear Science					
Photography					
Pioneering					

Merit Badges Cont'd

Merit Badge	Saturday		Sunday		Monday
	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5
Plumbing					
Pottery & Sculpture					
Public Health					
Public Speaking					
Pulp and Paper					
Radio					
Rifle	Offering #1 Part 1	Offering #2 Part 1	Offering #1 Part 2	Offering #2 Part 2	
Robotics					
Safety					
Scouting Heritage					
Search & Rescue					
Shotgun Shooting					
Soil & Water Conservation					
Stamp Collecting					
Textile					
Traffic Safety					
Weather					
Woodworking					

Training

Training	Saturday		Sunday		Monday
	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5
IOLS Training					
SM/ ASM Leader Specific					
Wilderness First Aid	(Two Day Course) Age 14 & Up ONLY				

Wilderness First Aid Certification. Red Cross training certification will be offered exclusively at Winter Camp! Limited to the first 24 attendees, participants must pre-register as part of their merit badge roster submission. A Current CPR/AED certification is a required to attend this course. Please bring your card to the course for verification. Be at least 14 years of age on or before the last scheduled session of the course. Participants must bring a backpack with a wilderness first aid kit. ** Please Note a ***Separate cost of $38*** must be paid for program supplies.

Who should attend? All High Adventure Bases require that at least one person, preferably two, in each crew be currently certified in Wilderness First Aid or the equivalent and CPR from the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, or the equivalent. It is also recommended for any unit that is conducting backcountry hiking or camping trips.

Merit Badge Pre-Requirements

NOTE: Please check PipsicoBSA.com one month prior to camp as some details on this sheet may update!

Merit Badge	Pre-Requirement(s) Numbers (To be completed before or after camp to obtain badge)
American Heritage	
American Indian Culture	
Animation	
Art	5, 6
Astronomy	4C, 6a,6b, 8, 9 (be ready to Discuss)
Automotive Maintenance	
Citizenship in the Community	4, 8 (plan on presenting Saturday Night regardless of what session taken) & bring a map of your home city for req. 2. Requirement 7c will have to be completed after consultation with MB counselor. Verification can be sent through e-mail.
Citizenship in the Nation	5
Citizenship in the World	None
Communications	1, 5, 8
Chemistry	8a, 8b, OR 8C (bring documentation)
Moviemaking	
Coin Collecting	4
Collections	1 *Please bring part of your collection
Cooking	Do #4 Cooking at Home - Bring your worksheets to camp
Disabilities Awareness	2, 4
Electricity	2, 9a
Engineering	
Farm Mechanics	
Finger Printing	
First Aid	Copy or Pic of 1 and 5a
Forestry	1a, 1b, 1c, 8 (Bring writeup)
Geocaching	7 & 8
Graphic Arts	

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Geology	6A, Bring a Bag to Collect Items, & review the MB book prior to the weekend.
Law	
Medicine	
Mining in Society	
Model Design and Building	
Moviemaking	
Photography	1b, Bring a Camera
Pioneering	
Plumbing	
Pottery & Sculpture	
Public Speaking	2: Prepare your speech and be ready to present
Public Health	
Pulp and Paper	Research & prepare to discuss all requirements. Make a list for Req. 6, & complete Req. 7 (If you choose to complete Req. 7e, you must show bibliographical information of your sources.)
Radio	
Rifle	
Robotics	
Safety	1, 2a & b
Scouting Heritage	2A, 5, 6
Search and Rescue	None
Soil & Water Conservation	
Stamp Collecting	8 (Bring Album)
Textile	
Traffic Safety	
Weather	10a (Bring your log!) & write/ prepare your talk for Req. #11
Woodwork	* Participants MUST bring proof of Totin' Chip to class.

MERIT BADGE SELECTION WORKSHEET

NOTE: All Merit Badge session registrations will be done online through Black Pug.
Use this worksheet to aid the unit in organizing the Scout's choices.

Return this form to your unit representative charged with Winter Camp registration/ Merit Badge registration. All merit badges are assigned in Black Pug (your online registration tool), which opens for selection on **12/12/2027** @ 10 AM.

Scout's Name: _____

	First Choice	Second Choice	Third Choice
Session #1			
Session #2			
Session #3			
Session #4			
Session #5			

☐ I am 14+ years old and wish to register for Wilderness First Aid ($35 Fee)

☐ I am 16+ years old and wish to register for Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills