



ROTARY SCOUT RESERVATION

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Merit Badge Prerequisites

The merit badge program at RSR is specifically designed to reflect the outdoor experience of camp. As a result, nearly all merit badges offered may be completed entirely at camp. In some cases, however, a requirement may be more easily or necessarily completed at home. In such cases the Scout is asked to bring evidence of completion for review by his merit badge counselor. We recommend that a Scout interested in earning the following merit badges complete the listed prerequisites before camp.

Merit Badge	Requirements to be Completed	Notes
American Heritage	#3c and #4c	
Astronomy	#5b, #5c	Completion requires extended night observations and clear nights making this badge very weather dependent and difficult to complete solely at camp.
Bird Study	#5	
Camping	#4b, #8d, #9a, #9b	Requirement #9 must be done over a series of camping trips and verified with dates and locations by the Scoutmaster. Scouts taking Camping should bring a backpack and backpacking tent for a one night outpost experience
Emergency Preparedness	#1, #7a-b, and #8b	Bring completed Emergency Kit for review by your counselor
Environmental Science	N/A	While there are no prerequisites, Environmental Science is a very intense and time consuming Eagle Required merit badge for older Scouts. Care should be taken in scheduling other merit badges so as to not overburden the Scout.
First Aid	#2d	Bring completed First Aid Kit for review by your counselor
Geocaching	#7 and #8	
Insect Study	#4, #7	Very difficult badge requiring preparation prior to camp
Lifesaving	#1	Complete Second Class and First Class rank requirements.

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Photography	#1b	Complete Cyber Chip certification for your age level.
Plant Science	#5, #8	
Pioneering	#2a	Proficiency in knots and lashings required. Scouts should review and practice knots and lashings prior to camp.
Reptile and Amphibian Study	#6 and #8	
Rifle Shooting	#1d and #1f	Knowledge of the firearm laws of the Scout's home state is required.
Safety	#1a-c, #2a-b, #3b, and #4	
Search and Rescue		Highly recommend minimum age of 13
Shotgun Shooting	#1d and #1f	Knowledge of the firearm laws of the Scout's home state is required. Scout must demonstrate ability to hold proper shotgun stance prior to signing up for merit badge.
Small Boat Sailing	N/A	Prior practice of required knots is useful for completion
Swimming	#3	