



Summer Camp Merit Badges Worth Ranch 2020



The following are Troop 50 recommendations for merit badges to be taken at Summer Camp (all **bold** merit badges are **required for Eagle**):

- **Swimming** (take each year until earned)

First-year Scouts are also encouraged to take one merit badge from the PREFERRED list and one of these:

- Basketry
- Indian Lore
- Leatherwork
- Woodcarving

Second-year Scouts and above should include these over their Scouting careers:

- **Cooking**
- **Environmental Science**
- **First Aid**
- Canoeing
- Orienteering
- Pioneering

Scouts should be third-year or higher to take these:

- **Camping**
- **Emergency Preparedness**
- **Lifesaving**
- Rifle
- Shotgun
- Snow sports
- BSA Lifeguard (older Scouts only)

PREFERRED merit badges:

- Archery
- Astronomy
- Bird Study
- Climbing
- Fish & Wildlife
- Fishing
- Fly Fishing
- Forestry
- Geocaching
- Geology
- Insect Study
- Kayaking
- Mammal Study
- Motorboating
- Nature
- Reptile Study
- Rowing
- Soil & Water
- Weather
- Wilderness Survival

ACCEPTABLE merit badges:

- Archaeology
- Farm Mechanics
- Fingerprinting
- Snorkeling (not a merit badge)
- Fire Safety
- Oceanography
- Pulp and Paper

PERMISSION REQUIRED:

These do not make the best use of the summer camp environment and need be taken by permission only:

- American Heritage
- Art
- Cinematography
- Citizenship Nation
- Citizenship World
- Communications
- Home Repairs
- Law
- Painting
- Photography
- Public Speaking
- Salesmanship
- Scouting Heritage
- Space Exploration
- Theater