

Merit Badge	Req(s) Scouts Must Complete Outside	Extensive Practice	Difficulty*	Cost/Materials Needed**
Archeology	None	8,9	Moderate	
Archery	None	2,5	Difficult	
Art	None	4	Easier	Bring painting clothes
Astronomy	None	4,6,8	Difficult	
Camping	9a	None	Moderate	
Canoeing	2	Swimmer Test	Difficult	
Chemistry	None	None	Moderate	
Chess	None	None	Moderate	
Citizenship in the Nation (going into 9 th grade)	5,6,7,8	1,2,3,4	Difficult	
Citizenship in the Society (going into 8th grade)	7,8	None	Difficult	
Climbing (going into 7th grade)	None	None	Moderate	
Communications	5	3,4,6,8	Moderate	
Cooking (going into 8th grade)	4,5,6	None	Difficult	
Emergency Preparedness	1,2c,6c,8b	7	Moderate	
Environmental Science	None	4	Moderate	
Fingerprinting	None	None	Easier	
First Aid (going into 7th grade)	1,5	None	Moderate	
Fish & Wildlife Management	None	7c	Moderate	
Fishing	None	9,10	Easier	Bring fishing rod
Fly Fishing	None	10,11	Moderate	
Geocaching	None	9	Moderate	
Golf	None	2f	Moderate	
Hiking	None	4,5,6	Difficult	
Indian Lore	None	3b,3c	Moderate	
Kayaking	None	Swimmer Test	Easier	
Leatherwork & Basketry	None	None	Easier	Material Cost: \$24.50
Lifesaving	2a	2b,6,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16	Difficult	
Mammal Study / Fish & Wildlife	None	None	Easier	
Motorboating	None	None	Moderate	
Music	3a,3c	None	Easier	
Nature	None	4	Difficult	
Orienteering	None	7,8,9,10	Difficult	
Photography	1	7	Moderate	
Physical Fitness (going into 9 th grade)	1b,6,7,8	2,3,4,5	Difficult	
Pottery	None	5	Moderate	Bring painting clothes
Radio	None	9b	Difficult	
Reptile & Amphibian Study	8	9	Moderate	
Rifle Shooting	None	1,2	Difficult	Cost of ammunition: \$5
Rowing	2	4,5, Swimmer Test	Moderate	

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Salesmanship	None	None	Moderate	
Scouting Heritage	5,6,8	None	Moderate	
SCUBA Diving	2	Swimmer Test	Difficult	
Search and Rescue	4,6a	9	Moderate	
Shotgun Shooting (going into 8th grade)	None	None	Difficult	Cost of ammunition: \$25
Signs, Signals, and Codes	None	7	Moderate	
Small Boat Sailing	2	Swimmer Test	Difficult	
Soil and Water Conservation	None	7	Moderate	
Swimming	2	3,6, Swimmer Test	Moderate	
Theatre	1	2,3	Moderate	
Weather	None	None	Moderate	
Wilderness Survival	5	8	Moderate	
Woodcarving	None	None	Moderate	Cost of materials: \$5
BSA Lifeguard***	None	Most everything	Difficult	

*Difficulty Levels are subjective and are provided only as a guide

**Material costs are approximate and depend on specific projects selected.

***BSA Lifeguard is not a merit badge but is included for reference.

First Class Adventure

- First Class Adventure will work on the following requirements:
 - Scout: 1e, 4ab, 5
 - Tenderfoot: 1ac, 4b, 5abc, 7a, 8
 - Second Class: 1b, 2abcd, 3abcd, 4, 5abcd, 6abcd, 8a
 - First Class: 1b, 4b, 5a, and 6abcde
 - Of the requirements listed above, the following requirements are aquatics-based:
 - Second Class: 5abcd
 - First Class: 6abcde
- Troop leaders must sign off their requirements.
- Troops are requested to send adult leaders to help with the First Class Adventure program