

OVERVIEW OF MERIT BADGES OFFERED

All of our merit badge classes are listed below by camp area.

Eagle-Required Merit Badges are listed in **bold**. Pre-requisites and additional costs are listed in parentheses.

Adventure Zone

Those Scouts looking for an exciting and unique experience this summer should look no further than the Adventure Zone. Badges taught in this area are rare and highly sought after by those Scouts looking to get every merit badge they can.

- Metalwork
- Horsemanship (Subject to \$45 fee if 2nd off-site activity)
- Woodwork

Aquatics

With the equipment and facilities at Woodruff, Scouts can participate in many aquatics activities that otherwise might not be available through their regular troop program. Activities include Swimming Lessons, Mile Swim, Paddle Boarding, Open Boating and Swimming, BSA Lifeguard, and the Merit Badges listed below:

- Canoeing
- Kayaking
- Lifesaving**
- Motorboating
- Rowing
- Small Boat Sailing
- Swimming**
- Water Sports
- Whitewater (Requires Kayaking MB or Kayaking BSA. Subject to \$45 fee if 2nd off-site activity)

COPE / Climbing

A Scout is brave, for many Scouts, an important act of bravery is climbing and rappelling down the tower at summer camp. Scouts at Woodruff have the opportunity to climb and rappel on our fifty-foot tower during Open Climb and in the process of earning their Climbing merit badge.

- Climbing

Shooting Sports

Sharp-shooting Scouts will feel right at home on our three professionally-run shooting ranges. Certified instructors run open shooting times and teach merit badge classes on each of our ranges.

- Archery
- Rifle Shooting
- Shotgun Shooting

Life Skills

The Life Skills area focuses on merit badges that help prepare Scouts to live the Scout Oath and Law and to "Be Prepared". Offering many Eagle required merit badges, Life Skills is a key destination for Scouts looking to move down their trail to Eagle during their stay at Woodruff.

- American Cultures
- Citizenship in the Nation**
- Citizenship in the World**
- Communication**
- Emergency Preparedness**
- First Aid**
- Personal Fitness**

Nature

Scouting has always taken place in the outdoors. The nature area houses some of Scouting's oldest merit badges and helps our Scouts appreciate the natural world around them.

- Archeology
- Bird Study
- Environmental Science**
- Fishing
- Fly Fishing
- Forestry
- Geology
- Mining in Society
- Plant Science
- Reptile & Amphibian Study
- Weather

Outdoor Skills

Outdoor Skills offers merit badges at the heart of Scouting's outdoor program. In addition to traditional outdoor skills our offerings also include skills that excite modern camping enthusiasts.

- Camping**
- Cooking**
- Cycling**
- Geocaching
- Exploration
- Orienteering
- Pioneering
- Signs, Signals and Codes
- Wilderness Survival

STEM

The STEM area is all about innovation. Scouts excited by science, technology, engineering and mathematics will be able to build robots, design games and learn about new technological fields in this area.

- Astronomy
- Chess
- Digital Technology
- Game Design
- Programming
- Robotics
- Space Exploration (*Budget \$15 in kits from Trading Post*)
- Welding (*Limit one Scout per Troop*)

Studio Arts

For those Scouts feeling creative, Woodruff offers a number of merit badges that should inspire new talents. Mack Mountain Studio is the hub of all creative projects from art and sculptures to short films created during Summer Camp.

- Art
- Animation
- Architecture
- Basketry (*Budget \$20 in kits from Trading Post*)
- Chess
- Fingerprinting
- Graphic Arts
- Journalism
- Leatherwork (*Budget \$15 in kits from Trading Post*)
- Moviemaking
- Photography
- Pottery
- Sculpture
- Textile
- Wood Carving (*Budget \$10 in kits from Trading Post*)