

Earning Eagle Rank-Required Merit Badges

All merit badges, including Eagle rank-required badges, can be grouped into fields of study. By looking at similarities among the Eagle rank-required badges, a Scout can map out a plan to earn them that makes best use of his time and efforts.

Locations at Which Eagle Rank-Required Merit Badges May Be Earned

Badge	Troop	Merit Badge College	Summer Camp	Other
Camping	Y, preferred		Y	
Cooking	Y, preferred		Y	
Communications	Y, preferred	Y		
Family Life	Y, preferred	Y		
Personal Fitness	Y, preferred		Y	
Personal Management	Y, preferred	Y		
First Aid	Y, preferred	Y	Y	
Citizenship in the World	Y	Y		
Citizenship in the Nation	Y	Y		
Citizenship in the Community	Y	Y		
Lifesaving <i>or</i> Emergency Preparedness				
Lifesaving			Y, preferred	
Emergency Preparedness	Y	Y, preferred		
Environmental Science <i>or</i> Sustainability				
Environmental Science			Y	Y, museums
Sustainability				
Swimming <i>or</i> Hiking <i>or</i> Cycling				
Swimming			Y, preferred	
Hiking	Y			
Cycling	Y		Y	

- **Hobbies**

Camping

Cooking

In order to earn these two merit badges a Scout must participate actively in the Troop's camping program. A Scout should begin working to earn these two badges at roughly the same time he achieves First Class rank.

Several adult members of Troop 70, particularly from within the ranks of its Scoutmasters, serve as counselors for them.

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- **Personal Development** (Logging)

- Family Life

- Personal Fitness

- Personal Management

These three badges require the Scout to perform certain tasks and keep a log of them for approximately ninety (90) days.

Once the Scout secures a qualified counselor for each badge, he should begin keeping its associated log. He should use the worksheets available at meritbadge.org to assist with this task.

- **Personal Development** (Four Cs)

- Communication

- Citizenship in the Community

- Citizenship in the Nation

- Citizenship in the World

There are more than a dozen opportunities within the Troop's annual program through which a Scout can satisfy requirement #8 of the Communication merit badge (e.g., serve as Master of Ceremonies for a campfire program or during a Court of Honor, or lead a Scouts' Own service). For this reason, he should secure the services of a counselor early and can then work to earn the badge piecemeal (e.g., complete one requirement a month) while also working on other badges and their requirements.

The three Citizenship badges are similar in form and intent. A Scout must interact with members of governing bodies as part of the curricula.

The badges for Citizenship in the Community (requirement #3) and Communication (requirement #5) require that the Scout attend a (local) public meeting. By making a judicious choice of what meeting to attend and by taking good notes, the Scout can satisfy both of these requirements.

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- **Public Service**

First Aid

Lifesaving *or* Emergency Preparedness

Earning the First Aid badge involves performing exercises to learn the techniques, which include Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). Counselors can be found within the ranks of the Troop, at an annual merit badge college, and at the week at summer camp.

If a Scout enjoys swimming and is good at it, he should consider earning the Lifesaving merit badge during the week at summer camp due to the ready availability of a qualified Aquatics program staff and a swimming pool.

The alternative to the Lifesaving badge, Emergency Preparedness, is best earned at an annual merit badge college, at which both a large enough class size and availability of necessary resources come together to run its exercises.

- **Conservation**

Environmental Science *or* Sustainability

Earning only one (1) of these two badges is required.

They involve a substantial amount of work by the Scout, as well as expertise from a counselor, so they typically are earned either during the week at summer camp or at an annual Merit Badge College.

Some local museums also conduct classes through which the Environmental Science badge can be earned.

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- **Sports**

Swimming **or** Hiking **or** Cycling

Earning only one (1) of these three badges is required. These badges involve a substantial amount of work on the part of the Scout.

The Swimming badge is earned during the week at summer camp due to the ready availability of a qualified Aquatics program staff and a swimming pool.

The Hiking and Cycling badges require multiple excursions, with some being quite long. Counselors for both badges can be found among Troop 70's adults, as well as at the annual week at summer camp.

- **Special Rule for Multi-member Groups**

Lifesaving **or** Emergency Preparedness

Environmental Science **or** Sustainability

Swimming **or** Hiking **or** Cycling

A Scout must earn one of the badges in each of these multi-member groups in order to earn Eagle rank. He also may earn both or all of the badges in a group for purposes of earning Star and Life rank. However, doing so does not relieve him of the requirement to earn all of the ten (10) other Eagle-required badges in order to attain Eagle rank.