



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 #4	
Astronomy	#6	Completion requires night observations and clear nights making this badge very weather dependent and difficult to complete at camp.
BSA Lifeguard	N/A	Complete American Red Cross CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer or NYS-recognized equivalent
Camping	#4a and #4b	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
Cooking	#3, #4, #5b, and #7	Scouts and Leaders should plan on cooking multiple meals in site
Emergency Preparedness	#1 and #8a-c	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. Care should be taken in scheduling other merit badges so as to not overburden the Scout.
Fire Safety	#6a, #6b, #11	
First Aid	#1 and #2d	Bring completed First Aid Kit for review by your counselor

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Fish and Wildlife Management	#5	
Geocaching	#7 and #8	
Insect Study	#4 and #7	Very difficult badge requiring preparation prior to camp
Lifesaving	#1	Long sleeve shirt, long pants, socks and shoes are needed at camp for in-water inflation
Pioneering	#2a	Proficiency in knots and lashings required. Scouts should review and practice knots and lashings prior to camp.
Reptile and Amphibian Study	#8	
Safety	#1a-c, #2a-b, #3b, and #4	
Small Boat Sailing	N/A	Prior practice of required knots is useful for completion
Swimming	#3	