

# Boy Scout of America Merit Badge List

## Merit Badges Which Are In Current Use And Their Predecessor

American Business	(15)	1967-present	(Business	1911-66)
American Cultures	(17)	1979-present		
American Heritage	(16)	1975-present		
American Labor	(121)	1987-present		
Animal Science	(18)	1975-present	(Animal Industry	1928-75)
Archeology	(132)	1997-present		
Archery ~~	(19)	1911-present		
Architecture	(20)	1911-present		
Art	(21)	1911-present		
Astronomy	(22)	1911-present		
Athletics ~~	(23)	1911-present		
Auto Mechanics	(127)	1992-present		
Aviation	(25)	1911-42 & 1952-present	(Aerodynamics, etc. 1942-52)	
Backpacking	(26)	1982-present		
Basketry	(27)	1927-present	(Craftsmanship	1911-26)
Bird Study	(29)	1914-present	(Ornithology	1911-13)
Bugling	(32)	1911-present		
Camping *	(1)	1911-present		
Canoeing	(33)	1927-present		
Chemistry	(34)	1911-present		
Cinematography	(126)	1990-present		
Citizenship in the Community *	(2)	1952-present	(Citizenship (Civics) 1947-51)	
Citizenship in the Nation *	(3)	1951-present	(Citizenship (Civics) 1947-51)	
Citizenship in the World *	(4)	1972-present	(World Brotherhood 1952-72)	
Climbing	(133)	1997-present		
Coin Collecting	(35)	1938-present		
Collections	(128)	1991-present		
Communications *	(5)	1965-present		
Composite Materials	(137)	2006-present		
Computers	(36)	1967-present		
Cooking ~	(38)	1911-present		
Crime Prevention	(131)	1996-present		
Cycling *** ~~	(39)	1911-present	(Cyclist	~~~ 1910-11)
Dentistry	(40)	1975-present		
Disabilities Awareness	(60)	1993-present	(Handicap Awareness (60) 1985-93)	
Dog Care	(41)	1938-present		
Drafting	(42)	1965-present	(Mechanical Drawing	1933-64)
Electricity	(43)	1911-present	(Electrician	~~~ 1910-11)
Electronics	(44)	1963-present		
Emergency Preparedness **	(6)	1972-present		
Energy	(45)	1976-present		
Engineering	(46)	1967-present		
Entrepreneurship	(134)	1997-present	(Business	1911-66)
Environmental Science *	(7)	1972-present	(Conservation of Natural Resources 1966-72)	
Family Life *	(129)	1991-present	(Citizenship in the Home 1952-72)	
Farm Mechanics	(48)	1928-present		
Fingerprinting	(49)	1938-present		
Fire Safety	(50)	1995-present	(Firemanship (50)	1911-95)
First Aid *	(8)	1911-present	(Ambulance	1910)
Fish & Wildlife Mgmt. (51)	(51)	1972-present	(Wildlife Mgmt.	1952-72)
Fishing ~~	(52)	1952-present	(Angling	1911-51)
Fly Fishing	(136)	2002-present	(Fishing merit badge still exists)	
Forestry ~~	(54)	1911-present		
Gardening	(55)	1911-present	(Gardener	~~~ 1910-11)
Genealogy	(56)	1972-present		
Geology	(58)	1953-present	(Rocks & Minerals	1937-53)
Golf	(59)	1976-present		
Graphic Arts	(122)	1987-present	(Printing/Communications (88) 1982-88)	
Hiking *** ~~	(61)	1921-present		
Home Repairs	(62)	1943-present	(Handicraft	1911-42)
Horsemanship ~~	(63)	1911-present	(Horseman	~~~ 1910-11)
Indian Lore	(64)	1931-present		
Insect Study	(65)	1987-present	(Insect Life	1923-86)
Journalism	(66)	1927-present		
Landscape Architecture	(67)	1967-present	(Landscaping	1959-66)
Law	(68)	1974-present		
Leatherwork	(69)	1951-present	(Leather Work	1928-51)
Lifesaving ** ~	(9)	1911-present		
Mammal Study	(71)	1987-present	(Mammals	1972-86)
Medicine	(130)	1991-present		
Metalwork	(74)	1927-present	(Craftsmanship	1911-26)
Model Design & Building	(75)	1963-present		

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Motorboating	~~	(76)	1961-present		
Music		(77)	1911-present	(Musician	~~~ 1910-11)
Nature	~	(78)	1952-present		
Nuclear Science		(24)	2005-present	(Atomic Energy	1963-04)
Oceanography		(79)	1964-present		
Orienteering		(80)	1973-present	(Pathfinding	1911-52)
Painting		(81)	1911-present		
Personal Fitness	* ~ ~	(10)	1952-present	(Physical Development	1914-52
				& Personal Health	1911-52)
Personal Management	* (11)	1972-present	(Personal Finances	1962-71)	
Pets		(82)	1958-present		
Photography		(83)	1911-present		
Pioneering		(84)	1911-present	(Pioneer	~~~ 1910-11)
Plant Science		(85)	1974-present		
Plumbing		(86)	1911-present		
Pottery		(87)	1927-present	(Craftsmanship	1911-26)
Public Health	~	(89)	1911-present		
Public Speaking		(90)	1932-present		
Pulp & Paper		(91)	1972-present		
Radio		(93)	1923-present	(Wireless	1919-23)
Railroading		(94)	1952-present		
Reading		(95)	1929-present		
Reptile & Amphibian Study	(96)	1993-present	(Reptile Study (96)	1927-93)	
Rifle Shooting	(123)	1987-present	(Rifle & Shotgun Shooting (97)	1967-87)	
Rowing		(98)	1933-present		
Safety	~	(12)	1927-present	(Safety First	1916-26)
Salesmanship		(99)	1927-present		
Scholarship		(100)	1911-present		
Sculpture		(101)	1911-present		
Shotgun Shooting	(124)	1987-present	(Rifle & Shotgun Shooting (97)	1967-87)	
Skating		(103)	1973-present		
Small Boat Sailing	(105)	1964-present	(Seamanship	1911-64)	
Snow Sports	(135)	1999-present	(Skiing) (104)	1938-99)	
Soil & Water Conservation	~ (106)	1952-present	(Soil Management	1928-52)	
Space Exploration	(107)	1965-present			
Sports	~~	(13)	1972-present		
Stamp Collecting	(108)	1931-present			
Surveying		(109)	1911-present		
Swimming	*** ~	(14)	1911-present		
Textile		(110)	1973-present	(Textiles	1927-72)
Theater		(111)	1967-present	(Dramatics	1932-66)
Traffic Safety		(112)	1975-present	(Automotive Safety	1962-74)
Truck Transportation	(113)	1973-present			
Veterinary Medicine	(114)	1995-present	(Veterinary Science (114)	1973-95)	
Waterskiing		(115)	1969-present		
Weather		(116)	1927-present		
Whitewater		(125)	1987-present		
Wilderness Survival	(117)	1973-present			
Wood Carving		(118)	1927-present	(Craftsmanship	1911-26)
Woodwork		(119)	1927-present	(Craftsmanship	1911-26)

Key: \* indicates Eagle required  
 \*\* indicates one of 2 is Eagle required  
 \*\*\* indicates one of 3 is Eagle required  
 ~ indicates formerly Eagle required  
 ~~ indicates formerly an Eagle multiple choice.  
 ~~~ indicates from the 1910 BSA Handbook (called the book of organization) by Chief Scout, Ernest Thompson Seton, had 14 Badges of Merit. The first Handbook recognized presently by the BSA was in 1911.