

2010 REMINDERS

1. RECOMMENDED MERIT BADGES/SKILLS FOR SCOUTS

FIRST YEAR SCOUTS

A well-balanced first year Scout schedule may include:

- 1 session in the Scout Skills area
- 1 Craft Lodge merit badge session
- 1 Nature Lodge (*except Environmental Science*), Fitness area, Indian Lore or fishing merit badge

This advancement schedule would allow a boy to be in 3 program areas in camp during the day. When added to camp site activities, sports, COPE, free swim, hiking trails, open program areas, the first year Iroquois Trail program and free time a new Scout can be set for a great week.

SECOND YEAR SCOUTS

- 1 session in the Scout Skills area
- 1 Craft Lodge merit badge
- 1 Nature Lodge (*except Environmental Science*), Fitness area, fishing, pioneering, swimming

Swimming for the younger scouts interested in the waterfront area. Swimming merit badge would be a viable choice providing the scout and the unit leader realize that this would be a week of learning strokes and doing part of the requirements. The young scout should realize however that not completing the merit badge is a probability unless the scout is on a swim team or has had lots of swimming training. Swimming merit badge prerequisite: second-class req. 7a-c, first class 9a-c.

THIRD YEAR SCOUTS OR AGE 13, 14, 15

All areas

2. ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Environmental Science Merit Badge will be taught as a two-part class, with the 1st period for class work, reports and requirements write-ups, and the 2nd period class for fieldwork, plot studies, ecosystems and experiments. Scouts who wish to take this merit badge must sign up for **both periods**.

3. FIREARMS

Again, this year we will use only camp firearms on the Rifle/Shotgun Range. Boys need NOT bring firearms!

4. LIFESAVING

Req. #1: Before doing requirements 2-15: (a) 2nd Class 7a-7c and 1st Class 9a-9c. (b) Swim continuously for 400 yards using front crawl, sidestroke, breaststroke, and elementary backstroke **in a strong manner**. Equivalent swimming proficiency or swimming merit badge are strongly suggested prior to beginning lifesaving.

5. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Pre-requirement - 1st Class and 2nd Class First Aid Skills. Requirement #2c states the Scout must discuss requirements 2a, b with family members. Therefore, a Scout who does not have proof of this in writing the merit badge cannot be fully completed at camp.