

Every year BSA revises, adds, or removes requirements for rank advancements and/or merit badges for Boy Scouts. For 2009, several merit badges have been revised. Those Scouts working on any badges using the old requirements and who started before the new books were issued (Aug 2008) may complete the badge using the old requirements. Those starting work on a badge after the new books were issued, may, until December 31, 2008, use either the old or the new requirements, at their option. If they use the old requirements, they may still complete the badge using the old requirements, even after January 1, 2009.

Below is a list of merit badges that have been revised for 2009, followed by rank advancement and merit badges that were revised for 2008, 2007, and 2006.

Follow the links for the specific changes on the Merit Badges and Rank Advancement.

Effective Jan 1, 2009

<http://www.usscouts.org/advance/changes/advchanges09.asp>

REVISED MERIT BADGE REQUIREMENTS

Architecture
Auto Mechanics
Automotive Maintenance (REPLACED Auto Mechanics)
Cinematography
Coin Collecting
Collections
Drafting
Emergency Preparedness
Engineering
Farm Mechanics
Indian Lore
Insect Study
Landscape Architecture
Lifesaving
Motorboating
Painting
Pottery
Radio
Swimming

2008

<http://usscouts.org/usscouts/advance/changes/advchanges08.asp>

REVISED RANK REQUIREMENTS

Tenderfoot
Second Class
First Class
Star
Life
Eagle
Eagle Scout - Alternate Requirements

REVISED MERIT BADGE REQUIREMENTS

Backpacking
First Aid

Graphic Arts
Hiking
Metalwork
Sculpture
Water Sports (REPLACED Waterskiing)
Wilderness Survival

2007

<http://www.usscouts.org/usscouts/advance/changes/advchanges07.asp>

REVISED MERIT BADGE REQUIREMENTS

Animal Science
Archaeology
Art
Athletics
Aviation
Camping
Climbing
Cooking
Dentistry
Entrepreneurship
Graphic Arts
Journalism
Personal Fitness
Rowing
Safety
Shotgun Shooting
Snow Sports
Sports
Stamp Collecting
Traffic Safety
Weather

2006

<http://www.usscouts.org/usscouts/advance/changes/advchanges06.asp>

REVISED RANK REQUIREMENTS

First Class

REVISED MERIT BADGE REQUIREMENTS

American Cultures
American Heritage
American Labor
Astronomy
Bird Study
Camping
Chemistry
Citizenship in the World
Computers
Crime Prevention
Disability Awareness
Energy

Environmental Science
Forestry
Genealogy
Geology
Photography
Pioneering
Plant Science
Public Health
Pulp and Paper
Reptile and Amphibian Study
Scholarship
Shotgun Shooting
Skating
Truck Transportation
Veterinary Medicine
Whitewater

NEW MERIT BADGE
Composite Materials