

Merit Badge Process For Girl Troop 58

In order for scouts to move up the ranks to achieve Eagle, scouts need to earn 13 Eagle-required badges and others of their own choice to earn a total of 21 badges.

Here is a good overview of the merit badge program:

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/guidetoadvancement/themeritbadgeprogram.aspx>

Here is a [list](#) of badges offered by the BSA.

In addition to completing merit badges, scouts also need to learn certain skills and perform certain duties to advance through the ranks. Here's a good explanation of rank advancement:

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/>

In Girl Troop 58, we have a merit badge coordinator that helps plan out badges throughout the year, to keep scouts on track for getting to Eagle by the age of 18. Many badges are taught by members of the troop prior to troop meetings or on weekends throughout the year. Scouts can also earn merit badges by attending scout camp each summer (Camp Daniel Boone in June), Duke Encampment (second Saturday in May) and attending our monthly trips where many badges are taught. Scouts can also do badges on their own, but must contact a counselor that is approved to teach/oversee the badge.

Parents are encouraged to teach merit badges based on their skills, interests and talents. This is a really great way to be involved with the troop. Please contact Merit Badge Coordinator Denise Robles about serving as a merit badge counselor.

We welcome your involvement in the troop. In order to serve as a counselor, there is an information packet on our website that guides new counselors through the process. Counselors must be 18 and over to apply. After checking in with Merit Badge Coordinator, please review the requirements on our website under *New Merit Badge Counselor Information Packet* at <https://www.gt58davidson.com/newscouts>

Typically as a troop, we teach Family Life, Personal Fitness, Communication, and Cooking in the fall, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation and Personal Management in the winter, and Personal Fitness and Cooking in the spring. We also have great "outside" opportunities for our scouts to earn badges: Duke Encampment in May, Camp Daniel Boone in June and other days scattered throughout the year at CPCC, McDowell and Reedy Creek. Our Merit Badge Coordinator will keep you informed of all badge-earning opportunities via email. Scouts are also welcome to work on badges on their own, but must be assigned a MB counselor for the badge prior to commencing. Please check with the MB Coordinator to find a counselor.

Please contact Merit Badge Coordinator Denise Robles at swimbikerunhoop@gmail.com to see how you can help or with any questions.