

Merit Badge Process For Girl Troop 58

In order for scouts to move up the ranks to achieve Eagle, scouts need to earn 14 Eagle-required badges and others of their own choice to earn a total of 21 badges.

The higher ranks require that a scout earn Merit Badges. Some Merit Badges offer scouts a chance to learn a lot about a particular core scouting subject like First Aid, Camping, Swimming, Lifesaving, Emergency Preparedness or Citizenship. Other MB are more focused on hobbies or interests like Energy, Pet Care, Wood Carving, Pioneering, Dentistry, Basket Weaving, Geology, Indian Lore, Canoeing, Climbing, Archery, Art, Shotgun or Rifle, Wilderness Survival, Golf, Athletics, Water Sports, and many more.

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 connect scouts with merit badge counselors. The merit badge coordinator or SPL can 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), Mecklenburg County Winter Camp and attending our monthly trips where occasionally 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>

As a troop, we would love to offer these badges throughout the year if there are adults willing to teach them: Cooking, Swimming 1-2x/year
Personal Fitness, Personal Management (older scouts), Family Life (older scouts), All four Citizenship MB: Citizenship in Community, Nation, World & Society (Taught during the American Heritage trip)

We can also use counselors for the following Eagle required merit badges that scouts often start at Camp Daniel Boone and then need a counselor here to assist them in completing it.

First Aid
Communication
Emergency Preparedness OR Lifesaving
Environmental Science OR Sustainability
Swimming OR Hiking OR Cycling
Camping

If you have some other special skill, we are always happy to have you be a counselor for any merit badge that allows you to share that skill!

Please check with the Scoutmaster for approval and the MB Coordinator to find a counselor before starting any work on a merit badge.

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