**Troop 58**

**Suggestions For Earning Eagle Required Merit Badges**

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| **Merit Badge** | **Recommendations** |
| Camping | Start with first camping experience. Continue until completed. Twenty nights of camping required. Can be started at summer camp and completed over the course of scouting. |
| Cooking | Do at Summer Camp or with Troop. |
| Citizenship in the Community | Best done in Davidson with Troop. Troop works on Citizenship Merit Badges during American Heritage trips in Spring. |
| Citizenship in the Nation | Do at Duke Encampment or Summer Camp. Troop works on Citizenship Merit Badges during American Heritage trips in Spring. |
| Citizenship in the World | Best done mid-way through or after 7th grade due to having two years of social studies covering Europe, Africa, and Asia. Troop works on Citizenship Merit Badges during American Heritage trips in Spring. |
| Communications | Best done during 2nd year when leadership roles are needed for First Class. This badge is a requirement for Patrol Leader. Can complete with Troop, Duke Encampment or at Summer Camp |
| Emergency Prep | Do at Duke Encampment or Summer Camp. |
| Environmental Science | Do at Duke Encampment, Summer Camp or at Discovery Place Nature. |
| Family Life | Do with Troop. Has 90-day requirement. |
| First Aid | Do right away because the skills are referenced in other merit badges and advancement requirements. Offered at Duke and at Camp. |
| Personal Fitness | Best done with Troop. Also offered at Duke Encampment. Has 90-day requirement. |
| Personal Management | Best done with Troop. Has 90-day requirement. |
| Swimming | Complete during the first year. The Troop will offer this once a year. Otherwise take it at camp. (Camp Daniel Boone has very cold lake water.) |

Merit Badge Substitutions:

Cycling or Hiking can be substituted for Swimming.

Lifesaving can be substituted for Emergency Preparedness.