

Pfeffer Scout Reservation Merit Badge Pre-Requisites

What is a pre-requisite?

A pre-requisite is a merit badge requirement that in most cases cannot be completed at camp or is a special condition needed to participate in that merit badge or program. In order for a Scout to be eligible for completion of the badge, these requirements would need to be signed off under the supervision of a Council-approved Merit Badge Counselor before camp. Partials will be issued at camp unless evidence of completion is provided. Scouts can complete the necessary requirements after camp if desired but must work with an approved Merit Badge Counselor.

A pre-requisite can also be an age or weight restriction imposed by the camp based on experiences related to certain badges. For example, we recommend Scouts who take Shotgun Shooting weigh at least 100 lbs. because of the firearms used. Check the Leader's Guide for more descriptions.

Merit Badges with Prerequisites

Camping	8D, 9A, 9B
Canoeing	must be a swimmer
Citizenship in the Nation	7
Citizenship in Society	Parent and Scout Master Approval
Collections	Have a Collection
Communications	5, 8
Cooking	4, 6
Digital Technology	1
Emergency Preparedness	1
Fish and Wildlife Management	5, 7
Geocaching	7, 8, 9
Inventing	8
Kayaking	must be a swimmer
Lifesaving	Swimming MB
Mile Swim	must be a swimmer
Motorboating	must be a swimmer
Personal Fitness	1B, 8 (could be post-camp)
Photography	1A, bringing a Digital Camera is encouraged
Reptile and Amphibian Study	8
Rowing	must be a swimmer

Shotgun Shooting	should weigh a minimum of 100 lbs.
Small-Boat Sailing	must be a swimmer
Sports	2A, 4, 5
Sustainability	2A (for all options), 5A
Swimming	must be a swimmer
Water Sports (Water Skiing)	must be a swimmer, some experience skiing is recommended
Woodcarving	2A
Woodworking	1C

Program Prerequisites

Order of the Arrow Service Program	-Member of the Order of the Arrow (Ordeal, Brotherhood, or Vigil). Does not matter which Lodge you belong to.
Personal Watercraft (Jet Ski)	-Be a swimmer -16 years old -completed hold harmless form -complete the KY Boater Education Card which must be presented upon arriving at camp during registration. Visit https://elearning.boatus.org
Aquabase, High Adventure Sailing	-14 years old -Small Boat Sailing Merit Badge -First Class -Be a swimmer -See pg. 37 in the leader's guide
BSA Lifeguard	-Be a swimmer -15 years old -American Red Cross First Aid and CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer or Equivalent Certification