What is a prerequisite?

A Prerequisite is a merit badge requirement that in most cases cannot be completed at camp or a special condition is needed to participate in that merit badge 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 Prerequisite can also be an age or weight restriction imposed by the camp, based on experiences related to certain badges. For example, we recommend Scouts taking Shotgun Shooting weigh at least 100 lbs. because of the firearms used. Check the Leaders Guide for more descriptions.

Merit Badges with Prerequisites:

Aviation 4
Camping 8D, 9A, 9B
Canoeing must be a swimmer
Citizenship in the Nation 2, 3
Citizenship in the World 7
Communications 5
Emergency Preparedness 1
Fish & Wildlife Management 5, 7 and 8
Geocaching 7,8,9
Kayaking must be a swimmer
Lifesaving must have Swimming MB 13
Motorboating must be a swimmer
Personal Fitness 1B, 8 (could be post camp)
Photography Scouts will need a digital camera
Pioneering 7
Reptile & Amphibian Study 8
Rowing must be a swimmer
Shotgun Shooting should weigh a minimum of 100 lbs
Small Boat Sailing must be a swimmer
Sustainability 2-Stuff
Swimming must be a swimmer
Water Sports must be a swimmer and have some experience skiing
Woodwork 7

Program Prerequisites
Personal Watercraft must be a swimmer, at least 16 and complete the KY Boater Education Card which must be presented upon arriving at camp. Visit: https://elearning.boatus.org

Aquabase, High Adventure Sailing must be 14 years and pass the Swimming test & have Small Boat Sailing MB. See page 2 of the Leaders Guide.

BSA Lifeguard must have Swimming MB, 15 yrs old AND must have completed CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer or Equivalent certification and present proof upon arriving at camp.