



WINTER CAMP

— 2026 —

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ADVANCEMENT GUIDE

MERIT BADGES RANK ADVANCEMENT REQUIREMENTS

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA COUNCIL
PRICE-SANDERS SCOUT RESERVATION

Merit Badge Period Sessions

Scouts can choose up to 4 merit badges to take while at camp at one of our 8 program areas. Refer to the Merit Badge Period Schedule at the front of this guide as a reference while scheduling your Scout's classes on the DoubleKnot online registration system. Remember, you will not be able to schedule merit badge classes until your initial \$50 per camper deposit has been paid online. Scouts must bring proof of completion for prerequisites.

RANGE AND TARGET ACTIVITIES

Archery Merit Badge



Periods Offered: 1-2 (Double Period), 3-4 (Double Period)
Max. Class Size: 12
Recommended For: Second year campers and older

Rifle Shooting Merit Badge



Periods Offered: 1-2 (Double Period), 3-4 (Double Period)
Max. Class Size: 10
Additional Fee: \$15
Recommended For: Second year campers and older

Shotgun Shooting Merit Badge



Periods Offered: 1-2 (Double Period), 3-4 (Double Period)
Max. Class Size: 8
Additional Fee: \$25
Recommended For: Participants must be 13 years of age or older.

OUTDOOR SKILLS INSTRUCTION

Camping Merit Badge



Periods Offered: 1, 3, 4
Max. Class Size: 16
Prerequisites: Requirements 4b, 9
Recommended For: All campers

Cooking Merit Badge



Periods Offered: 1-2 (Double Period), 3-4 (Double Period)
Max. Class Size: 8
Prerequisites: Requirements 4, 6
Additional Fee: \$10
Recommended For: All campers

Geocaching Merit Badge



Periods Offered: 2, 4
Max. Class Size: 16
Prerequisites: 8
Recommended For: All campers

Public Health Merit Badge



Periods Offered: 2
Max. Class Size: 12
Recommended For: All campers

Wilderness Survival Merit Badge



Periods Offered: 1-2 (Double Period)
Max. Class Size: 16
Prerequisites: 4, Camping Merit Badge (must already have)
Recommended For: All campers
Notes:

Participants will be required to camp overnight in a shelter they constructed. This overnight outpost will take place on December 28; weather permitting.

HANDICRAFT AREA

Leatherwork Merit Badge



Periods Offered: 2, 4
Max. Class Size: 16
Additional Fee: \$15
Recommended For: All campers
Notes:

Kits are presold at reg. and issued in class.

Textiles Merit Badge (NEW for 2026)



Periods Offered: 3 – 4 (Double Period)
Max. Class Size: 16
Recommended For: All campers

Pottery Merit Badge (NEW for 2026)



Periods Offered:	1 - 2
Max. Class Size:	12
Additional Fee:	\$5
Recommended For:	All Campers

Sewing & Needlework Merit Badge (NEW for 2026)



Periods Offered:	1 - 2
Max. Class Size:	10
Recommended For:	All Campers

Wood Carving Merit Badge (NEW for 2026)



Periods Offered:	1, 3
Max. Class Size:	8
Additional Fee:	\$10
Recommended For:	All Campers

Scouting Heritage Merit Badge (NEW for 2026)



Periods Offered:	1, 3
Max. Class Size:	12
Recommended For:	All Campers

Signs, Signals & Codes Merit Badge (NEW for 2026)



Periods Offered:	2, 4
Max. Class Size:	12
Recommended For:	All Campers

Photography Merit Badge



Periods Offered:	2, 4
Max. Class Size:	12
Recommended For:	All Campers
Notes:	Must bring personal camera or phone camera

C.O.P.E. / CLIMBING AREA

Climbing Merit Badge



Periods Offered: 1-2 (Double Period), 3-4 (Double Period)
Max. Class Size: 12
Prerequisites: Requirements 1, 2
Recommended For: Campers who are 13 years of age or older
Notes: **Participants must print out the merit badge workbook.**

AQUATICS AREA - **ALL Aquatics merit badges require onsite Swim Check.**

Canoeing Merit Badge



Periods Offered: 1, 4
Max. Class Size: 12
Prerequisites: **MUST complete the BSA Swimmer's Test**
Recommended For: All campers

Kayaking Merit Badge



Periods Offered: 2, 3
Max. Class Size: 12
Prerequisites: **MUST complete the BSA Swimmer's Test**
Recommended For: All campers

Rowing Merit Badge



Periods Offered: 1 – 2 (Double Period), 3 – 4 (Double Period)
Max. Class Size: 8
Prerequisites: **MUST complete the BSA Swimmer's Test**
Recommended For: Participants must be 13 years of age or older.

Swimming Merit Badge



Periods Offered: 3, 4
Max. Class Size: 16
Recommended For: All campers

ECOLOGY / S.T.E.M. AREA

Nature Merit Badge



Periods Offered: 4
Max. Class Size: 16
Recommended For: All campers

Oceanography Merit Badge



Periods Offered: 1
Max. Class Size: 16
Prerequisites: Requirement 8a, 8b or 8c
Recommended For: All campers

Robotics Merit Badge



Periods Offered: 2, 4
Max. Class Size: 12
Additional Fee: \$5
Recommended For: All campers

Weather Merit Badge



Periods Offered: 2
Max. Class Size: 16
Recommended For: All campers

Soil & Water Conservation Merit Badge



Periods Offered: 1, 4
Max. Class Size: 16
Recommended For: All campers

Environmental Science Merit Badge



Periods Offered: 3
Max. Class Size: 16
Prerequisites: #6
Recommended For: Second year campers or older

Astronomy Merit Badge (NEW for 2026)



Periods Offered: 2
Max. Class Size: 16
Recommended For: All Campers

Space Exploration Merit Badge (NEW for 2026)



Periods Offered: 1, 3
Max. Class Size: 12
Additional Fee: \$15
Recommended For: All Campers

Soil & Water Conservation Merit Badge



Periods Offered: 1
Max. Class Size: 16
Recommended For: All Campers

VOCATIONAL AREA

Animal Science Merit Badge



Periods Offered: 1, 4
Max. Class Size: 12
Recommended For: All campers

First Aid Merit Badge



Periods Offered: 1, 4
Max. Class Size: 8
Recommended For: All campers

Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge



Periods Offered: 3
Max. Class Size: 16
Prerequisites: **Must have earned the First Aid Merit Badge prior to the start of camp.**
Recommended For: All campers

Entrepreneur / Salesmanship Merit Badge



Periods Offered: 1
Max. Class Size: 12
Recommended For: All campers

Automotive Maintenance Merit Badge



Periods Offered: 1, 3
Max. Class Size: 12
Recommended For: All campers

Radio Merit Badge



Periods Offered: 3
Max. Class Size: 16
Recommended For: All campers

Fishing Merit Badge



Periods Offered: 1, 2
Max. Class Size: 12
Additional Fee: \$5
Recommended For: All campers
Notes: **Bring fishing gear; fishing pole, tackle box**

Metalwork Merit Badge



Periods Offered: 1 – 2 (Double Period), 3 – 4 (Double Period)
Max. Class Size: 4
Additional Fee: \$10
Recommended For: All campers

Farm Mechanics Merit Badge (NEW for 2026)



Periods Offered: 2, 3
Max. Class Size: 12
Recommended: All Campers

Renegade Program

This is our exclusive older Scout program in which participants embark on three all-day, high adventure outings. Participants will spend one day participating on an Off-Shore Deep Sea Fishing trip, one day completing Horsemanship, and one day participating in a Range & Target Round Robin of Activities, and High C.O.P.E

Periods Offered: 1-4 (All Day Class)
Max. Class Size: 12
Prerequisites: Participants Should be Life or Eagle rank.
Additional Fee: \$150
Recommended For: Participants MUST be 14 years of age or older.
Notes: Participants will not be able to take merit badge instruction during periods 1-4. This program is designed exclusively for Scouts who are summer camp veterans and are looking for new challenges. Two of the excursions require off-camp transportation.

Complete Angler Program

This is a NEW program in which participants embark earning the Complete Angler Award, along with the Fishing, Fly Fishing, and Fish and Wildlife Conservation Merit Badges over the course of camp. There will be non-class work that can be done while at camp by participating in a Fishing Derby, learning to tie a Fly and Wildlife observations.

Periods Offered: 1 - 3
Max. Class Size: 10
Additional Fee: \$25
Recommended For: All Campers
Notes: Participants will not be able to take merit badge instruction during periods 1- 3.



First Year Camper Program

Our First Year Camper program is led by friendly, adult instructors who will see to it that each Scout's first time at camp is a great one. Campers will be able to focus on becoming comfortable in basic camping and outdoor skills all the while having a lot of fun. Scouts will participate in activities such as swimming, team building games, orienteering skills, pioneering skills, basic first aid skills, knot skills, cooking skills, and more. This program is designed to teach your Scout the skills needed to complete many Tenderfoot requirements. This is a new re-designed program and will run all day.

Periods Offered: All Day program

Max. Class Size: 20

Prerequisites: None

Supplies Needed: None

Additional Fee: \$0

Recommended For: New troop members

Notes: Campers will be required to participate in a one-mile orienteering course during a unit activity period.

Second Year Camper Program

Much the same as our First Year Camper program, our Second Year Camper program is led by friendly, adult instructors. Campers will be able to focus on becoming comfortable in basic camping and outdoor skills all the while having a lot of fun. This program is designed to teach your Scout the skills needed to complete many Second Class and First-Class requirements.

Periods Offered: 1-2 (Double Period), 3-4 (Double Period)

Max. Class Size: 20

Prerequisites: None

Supplies Needed: None

Additional Fee: \$0

Recommended For: Tenderfoot/Second Class Scouts

Notes: Campers will be required to take a five-mile hike during a unit activity period.

Aquatics Supervisor Training

Youth and Adults can participate in Aquatics Supervisor Training. Youth **MUST** be 15 by the end of camp in order to take the training. **This program will run 9:00am – 5:00pm on December 28, ONLY.**

Max. Class Size: 18

Prerequisites: Swimming Merit Badge, Second & First Class swimming requirements, Successful completion of the BSA Swimmer's Test

Supplies Needed: Wet Suit encouraged

Additional Fee: \$25



2026 Winter Camp Advancement Period Schedule

Merit Badge / Award	Capacity/ Period	9:00 - 10:00A	10:15 - 11:15A	1:00 - 2:00P	2:15 - 3:15P
Range and Target Activities					
Archery MB	12	X (Double Period)		X (Double Period)	
Rifle Shooting MB (\$15)	10	X (Double Period)		X (Double Period)	
Shotgun Shooting MB* (\$25)	8	X (Double Period)		X (Double Period)	
Outdoor Skills					
Camping MB	16	X		X	X
Cooking MB (\$10)	8	X (Double Period)		X (Double Period)	
Geocaching MB	16		X		X
Public Health MB	12		X		
Wilderness Survival MB	16	X (Double Period)			
First Year Camper**	20	----- ALL DAY -----			
Second Year Camper**	20	X (Double Period)		X (Double Period)	
Handicraft					
Textiles MB (NEW in 2026)	16			X (Double Period)	
Pottery MB (NEW in 2026) (\$5)	12	X (Double Period)			
Sewing & Needlework (NEW in 2026)	10	X	X		
Wood Carving (NEW in 2026) (\$10)	8	X		X	
Scouting Heritage (NEW in 2026)	12	X		X	
Sign, Signals & Codes (NEW in 2026)	12		X		X
Photography MB	12		X		X
Leatherwork MB (\$15)	16		X		X
COPE & Climbing					
Climbing MB	12	X (Double Period)		X (Double Period)	
Aquatics					
Canoeing MB	12	X			X
Kayaking MB	12		X	X	
Rowing MB (NEW in 2026)	8	X (Double Period)		X (Double Period)	
Swimming MB	16			X	X
Ecology / STEM					
Space Exploration MB (NEW in 2026) (\$15)	12	X		x	
Astronomy MB (NEW in 2026)	16		X		
Environmental Science MB	16			X	
Nature MB	16				X
Oceanography MB	16	X			
Robotics MB* (\$5)	12		X		X
Soil & Water Conservation MB	16	X			
Weather MB	16		X		
Vocational					
Animal Science MB	12	X			X
Automotive Maintenance	12	X		X	
Fishing MB (\$5)	10	X			
Radio	12			X	
Emergency Preparedness MB	16			X	
First Aid MB	8	X			X
Farm Mechanics (NEW in 2026)	12		X	X	
Metalwork MB (\$10)	4	X (Double Period)		X (Double Period)	
Salesmanship / Entrepreneurship MB	12	X			
Speciality Programs (NEW in 2026)					
Renegade Program (\$150)	12	----- ALL DAY -----			
Complete Angler Program (\$25)	10	Periods 1 - 3 (plus non-class hours)			

* Participant must be 13 years old or older

** Second year camper program participants must choose the morning or afternoon double period. Participants may then choose up to two merit badges for the remaining two periods.