

## Merit Badge Classes

The teaching of merit badges at Camp Cherry Valley is an important part of the program. Ensuring that campers receive the highest quality instruction is vital to the integrity of the Scouting program. While at camp Scouts must complete all of the requirements—**no more, no less**—in order to receive the completed blue card. Scouts who do not complete the merit badge will receive a partial and will be able to complete the merit badge back at home with a local merit badge counselor or Scoutmaster.

Because some of the merit badges offered at Camp Cherry Valley have requirements that cannot be completed at camp it is important for the Scoutmaster to have each Scout work on these before camp. It is suggested that the Scoutmaster look through the merit badge requirements that each Scout is taking and plan on fulfilling those aspects before camp begins. If the Scout has completed the requirement before camp just send him to class with a note indicating that specific requirement has been completed to your satisfaction. This will allow the counselor award credit which will enable the Scout to earn the badge if the remaining requirements are completed at camp.

Merit badges such as environmental science (solitary observation), astronomy (night observations), weather (out-of-class observations), first aid (teaching others), to name a few, will require extra effort on behalf of the Scout. Many of these requirements can be fulfilled at camp with the assistance of the Scoutmaster during the scout's own time. Scouts should also read requirements before coming to camp and begin any such requirements prior to coming if they wish to complete the badges at camp.

Camp Cherry Valley is not a merit badge mill where one pays a fee and gets merit badges automatically. Instead, we offer merit badges as only one part of the overall camp experience. It is recommended that leaders limit their Scouts to three to four merit badges to work on while at camp. This will allow the Scout to participate in other areas of camp that create a well-rounded camp experience. We do not want to see a Scout come to camp and spend the entire week sitting in classes.

Due to BSA policy or because some of the more difficult skill-oriented merit badges require increased strength Camp Cherry Valley has an age limit requirement for a few merit badges. Scouts must be at least 13 years old to take Small Boat Sailing. It is suggested, but not required, that older Scouts take rifle and archery as they require strength usually found in boys 13 years and older.

At Camp Cherry Valley the staff works hard to see that every Scout gets into merit badge classes that he would like to participate in. Additional staff will be added to accommodate merit badge classes as needed. It is wise to look for merit badges that are not normally offered in your hometown and try for those while at camp. Try new things and look for variety. Proper planning between the Scout and their adult leader and parents will be a big help once the Scout arrives at camp.

In order for Scoutmasters to follow the progress of their Scouts throughout the week it is recommended, but not required, that they come to camp with worksheet packets for the merit badge classes they are taking and also it is recommended to have the merit badge pamphlet. In all of the nature and outdoor skills classes the instructors will be requiring Scouts to show knowledge and advancement by having them fill out their workbooks or take notes. In the traditional classes that follow more of a classroom approach these workbooks are great for note taking and placing the learning squarely on the shoulders of the Scout. Please note that we will not just have a Scout fill out the worksheet packet and then sign off the badge. They are used in class so that the Scoutmaster knows what each Scout has done in class that day. It also helps for a greater retention of knowledge in the Scout. Scouts who take traditional nature and outdoor skills classes that require note taking and who do not wish to use the workbooks will be expected to come to class each day with pen and paper to take notes and complete assignments.

**DON'T FORGET TO PRINT OUT THE MERIT BADGE WORKBOOKS TO HELP SCOUTS KEEP THEIR WORK IN ORDER AND TO HELP YOU TRACK THEIR MERIT BADGE PROGRESS WHILE AT CAMP CHERRY VALLEY; MAKE SURE TO VISIT THE WEBSITE AT [http://www.meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Merit\\_Badge\\_Worksheets](http://www.meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Merit_Badge_Worksheets) TO OBTAIN THESE WORKBOOKS.**



**MERIT BADGE SIGN-UPS**  
 Signing up for merit badges and program will be done online with the Doubleknot system.  
 The unit contact for the reservations will receive instructions and dates as to when the system will open.

## 2017 CAMP CHERRY VALLEY MERIT BADGES

\*OFFERED AT CLASS TIME AND TROOP TIME

\*\*CANNOT BE COMPLETED W/OUT PREREQUISITES DONE PRIOR TO COMING TO CAMP

#SUGGESTED FOR SCOUTS 13 AND OLDER

\$APPROXIMATE A COST FOR A KIT OR MATERIALS TO BE BOUGHT AT CCV TRADING POST

@OFFERED ONLY AT CLASS TIME

%OFFERED ONLY AT OPEN TIME

!COUNTY REGULATIONS PREVENT BEING ABLE TO COOK FISH IN CAMP

MERIT BADGE	PREREQUISITE/COST	MERIT BADGE	PREREQUISITE/COST
ARCHERY@/\$	\$6.00	ORIENTEERING*/**	7
ART*/**	6	MAMMALS*/**	3
ASTRONOMY*/**	5a-b, 6b, 8	OCEANOGRAPHY@	8
BASKETRY*/\$	\$15.00	PERSONAL FITNESS*/**	1b, 7, 8
BSA LIFEGUARD@		PERSONAL MGMT%/**	1, 2a, 8, 9
CANOEING@		PHOTOGRAPHY*/**	4
CIT IN COMMUNITY%/**	3, 4a-b, 7c, 8	PIONEERING*/**/\$	2a & \$15.00
COMMUNICATION%/**	1, 5, 7, 8	RIFLE SHOOTING@/#	
COMPOSITE MATERIALS%/\$	\$20.00	ROWING@	
EMERGENCY PREP*/**	1, 6c, 7	SCULPTURE*/\$	\$10.00
ENVIRONMENTAL SCI@/**	6	SIGNS, SIGNALS & CODES*	
FIRST AID@	1, 2d	SMALL BOAT SAILING@	
FISH & WILDLIFE MGMT*/**	2, 5, 7	SPACE EXPLORATION*/\$	\$25.00
FISHING*/**/!	9	SPORTS*/**	4, 5
FORESTRY*/**/!	2, 5, 7	SURVEYING*/**	8
GEOLOGY*/**	4	SUSTAINABILITY*/**	1, 2, 5a
INDIAN LORE*/\$	\$20.00	SWIMMING@	
INSECT STUDY*/**	5, 10, 13	TRAIL TO FIRST CLASS*	
KAYAKING@		WEATHER*/**	9b, 11
LEATHERWORK*/\$	\$20.00	WILDERNESS SURVIVAL*	
LIFESAVING@		WOODCARVING*/\$	\$15.00

## CAMP CHERRY VALLEY MERIT BADGE SCHEDULE

		Period 1	Period 2	Period 3
<b>OUTDOORSKILLS</b>	Archery			
	Emergency Prep			
	First Aid			
	Fishing			
	Indian Lore			
	Orienteering			
	Personal Fitness			
	Pioneering			
	Rifle Shooting			
	Signs, Signals & Codes			
	Sports			
	Wilderness Survival			
<b>HANDICRAFT</b>	Art			
	Basketry			
	Leather			
	Photography			
	Sculpture			
	Woodcarving			
<b>TTFC</b>	Tenderfoot			
	Second Class			
	First Class			
<b>AQUATICS</b>	BSA Lifeguard	3 Merit Badge Periods		
	Canoeing			
	Kayaking			
	Lifesaving			
	Rowing			
	Small Boat Sailing		2 Merit Badge Periods	
	Swimming			
<b>NATURE</b>	Astronomy			
	Environmental Science			
	Fishing & Wildlife Management			
	Forestry			
	Geology			
	Insect Study			
	Mammals			
	Oceanography			
	Space Exploration			
	Sustainability			
	Weather			

## 2017 CCV Open Time Merit Badge Schedule

Tuesday

**DINING HALL**  
Citizenship in Community

**OLD TRADING POST**  
Astronomy

**FITNESS AREA/YURT**  
Personal Fitness

**LOWER NATURE**  
E-Prep

**SEA LAB**  
Fishing

**UPPER NATURE**  
Orienteering  
TTFC-Tenderfoot

**HANDICRAFT**  
Art  
Woodcarving

Thursday

**DINING HALL**  
Communication

**OLD TRADING POST**  
Forestry  
Space Exploration

**MINE**  
Geology

**LOWER NATURE**  
Indian Lore

**SEA LAB**  
Fish & Wildlife Mgmt.

**UPPER NATURE**  
Wilderness Survival  
TTFC-2nd Class

**FRONT OF DINING HALL**  
Sustainability

**HANDICRAFT**  
Art  
Woodcarving

Friday

**DINING HALL**  
Personal Mgmt.

**OLD TRADING POST**  
Insect Study  
Composite Material

**MINE**  
Signs, Codes, & Signals  
Weather

**FITNESS AREA/YURT**  
Sports

**UPPER NATURE**  
Pioneering  
TTFC-1st Class

**FRONT OF DINING HALL**  
Mammals

**HANDICRAFT**  
Photography  
Basketry