## MERIT BADGE PROGRAM

The Camp Sequassen merit badge program provides Scouts with opportunities to learn new skills, share with others, and develop a hobby or interest. Merit badge work can be done in the campsites, camp program areas and even at home.

**PREREQUISITES**: Some merit badge requirements cannot be completed at camp. These requirements may be completed before or after attending camp but must be completed before the merit badge is earned. To complete the badge at camp, prerequisites must be accomplished before arriving at camp (2024 merit badge prerequisites can be found on page 10). The Camp Sequassen merit badge program requires advanced planning by Scouts and leaders prior to arrival at camp. Scouts may sign up for a merit badge before completing the prerequisites.

**PROGRESS REPORTS**: On Wednesday morning a by-unit merit badge progress report will be provided to unit leaders. The report will list any Scout who is having difficulty completing a merit badge and the reason for the difficulty. With your support and encouragement, the Scout may be able to complete the requirements while at camp.

**PARTIALS**: A Scout completing only a portion of a merit badge's requirements will be issued a "partial" merit badge report. Camp counselors may only give credit for requirements completed at Camp Sequassen. Partials are valid until a Scout's eighteenth birthday. Scouts and units are responsible for maintaining their merit badge records from summer camp, including the partial report(s).

**ADDITIONAL MATERIALS AND FEES**: Some merit badges require additional materials or fees to complete the requirements. Some fees are paid when you register online for the merit badge including Shotgun Shooting and Welding. Kits and materials can be purchased in the Trading Post for the following merit badges: Basketry, leatherwork, metalwork, & Space Exploration.

## CAMP SEQUASSEN OFFERS OVER 60 DIFFERENT MERIT BADGES TO CHOOSE FROM! SEE THE SCHEDULE AND PREREQUISITES ON THE NEXT PAGES FOR MORE INFORMATION!



## Merit Badge Schedule Notes

- 1. These merit badges/activities are longer than one hour. Do not schedule another class during these times.
- Lifeguard Training will require the Scout to spend all day at the waterfront. Scouts must be at least 15 years old and a BLUE Swimmer. There is an additional \$150 fee for this training. Participants may need to complete testing on Saturday morning. Successful completion of the course earns ARC Lifeguarding w/ First Aid, CPR/FPR w/ AED in addition to BSA Lifeguard.
- 3. Wilderness Patrol Scouts will have priority for these 2:00 p.m. classes.
- 4. Participants must hold a CT Safe Boaters Certificate or, if resident of another state, the appropriate equivalent.
- 5. Not a merit badge.
- 6. Recommended for Scouts entering grade 8 or higher in Fall 2024. Experience has shown younger Scouts are unlikely to complete all requirements.
- 7. Some time in the afternoon and/or evening may be needed to complete badge requirements.
- 8. SCUBA Diving Merit Badge will require participants to spend all day at the waterfront. Scouts must be entering grade 9 or higher in Fall 2024 and BLUE Swimmer. A SCUBA specific medical form is required in addition to the regular camp medical record. There is an additional \$350 fee for this program. Successful completion of this weeklong program earns the Scout the SCUBA Diving Merit Badge, SCUBA BSA patch, the NAUI SCUBA Diving Certification Card and SAHI Basic First Aid and CPR certification. Adults may also take this course to earn the diving and first aid certifications. Registration deadline for this merit badge is July 15. Minimum class size of 4 must be met to hold the course. Maximum class size is 8. SCUBA Diving is only offered weeks 5-7.
- 9. Must not have already earned Rifle Shooting merit badge.
- 10. Additional \$50 fee for this program.
- 11. Additional materials will need to be purchased to complete these merit badges.

## Approximate Trading Post Price Listing:

Rocket Kit	\$15.00	Leatherworking Kits	\$5-10.00
Basketry Kit	\$10-15.00	Metalwork Supplies	\$5.00

- 12. Shotgun Shooting merit badge is for Scouts who are entering grade 9 or higher in Fall 2024 and who have completed Rifle Shooting merit badge. Classes will be held Monday Friday. An additional fee of \$20 will be added to the registration fees when a Scout registers online for this merit badge. This fee is for two boxes of ammunition, which is the minimum required for qualification. If a Scout needs additional ammunition to complete the merit badge, it will be available at the range for \$10 per box of 25 shells. Scouts may need to be at the range during open time to practice/qualify for the merit badge. Class limited to 10.
- 13. An additional fee of \$20 will be added to the registration fees when a Scout registers online for this merit badge.
- 14. Must be a  ${\sf BLUE}$  swimmer and attend all sessions M-F to earn both patches.