

## Hidden Valley Merit Badge Choices

It is time to pick merit badges for Hidden Valley Summer Camp! Attached is the list of the merit badge offerings for 2009. The list includes the prerequisites for taking the class, requirements that must be completed prior to going to camp, supplies the scout needs to bring and recommended minimum years in scouting. Requirements for the merit badges can be found online at [www.meritbadge.com](http://www.meritbadge.com). Merit badges are worked on during the first three periods in the morning. Some merit badges require a lot of out of class work.

**First Year Scouts** should sign up for the first year program (this takes the place of two merit badge periods) and one of the following merit badges: Swimming, Mammal Study, Weather, Basketry, Art and Leatherworking.

**All Other Scouts** need to sign up for 4 merit badges in order of preference. You are likely to get your first 3 choices, but the extra one is selected in case of scheduling conflicts. Some merit badges require two periods (see chart) which will limit the scout to only 2 merit badges.

**All Scouts** who are interested in BSA Lifeguard, Paul Bunyan Award, Leave No Trace or Mile Swim Award that are offered during Troop activity time, please fill in the proper blank below.

**Selections need to be handed or emailed to Mr. Sayers by the end of the May 18 troop meeting.** Scouts will know their merit badge schedule on June 22. Most scouts will get their first 2 or 3 merit badge choices.

If you have any questions or need help, contact Mr. Sayers ([charlie@sayerssoftware.com](mailto:charlie@sayerssoftware.com) or 882-4824).

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Merit badge choice 1:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Merit badge choice 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Merit badge choice 3:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Merit badge choice 4:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Special interest afternoon courses (COPE, BSA Lifeguard, Paul Bunyan Award, Leave No Trace, Snorkeling, Mile Swim):**  
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<b>Merit Badge/Course</b>	<b>Recommended minimum year in Boy Scouts</b>	<b>Prerequisites</b>	<b>Comment</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> year program (Not a merit badge)	1 <sup>st</sup> only		This is a 2 period course
Swimming	1 <sup>st</sup>	Swimmer	Must bring long sleeve buttoned shirt, long pants, socks and low shoes
Lifesaving	4 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming MB, CPR recommended	Must bring long sleeve buttoned shirt, long pants, socks and low shoes
Rowing	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Swimmer	
Canoeing	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Swimmer	Physical strength, coordination
Small Boat Sailing	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Swimmer	2 period class
Communications	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Req. 5	Be familiar with all requirements prior to camp
Art	1 <sup>st</sup>		
Basketry	1 <sup>st</sup>		Basket & seat kits for sale at camp
Leatherworking	1 <sup>st</sup>		
Woodcarving	2 <sup>nd</sup>		Should bring your own knife, consult merit badge pamphlet
Fishing	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Req. 7	Bring your own equipment and bait
Disabilities Awareness	2 <sup>nd</sup>		Requires 15 hours of service time working with Easter Seal program at camp
First Aid	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 1 <sup>st</sup> class First aid requirements	Bring materials to make your own personal first aid kit as shown in back of the book. 2 period class.
Emergency Preparedness	2 <sup>nd</sup>	First Aid Merit badge	Req. 8c bring to camp supplies to make emergency service pack
Soil and Water Conservation	2 <sup>nd</sup>	For Req. 7 only options e and f will be done at camp.	
Environmental Science	4 <sup>th</sup>		Requires a lot of time & field work. Class is a 2 hour time slot; requires a lot of hiking. Requires several long essays due at end of week.
Fish & Wildlife Management	2 <sup>nd</sup>		A lot of hiking required
Forestry	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Req. 3b	Out of class work required, hiking involved.
Geology	2 <sup>nd</sup>		
Mammal Study	1 <sup>st</sup>		Hiking involved
Nature	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Req. 4	Req 4 has a 1 month time constraint

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Weather	1 <sup>st</sup>		
Camping	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Proof of 20 days and nights of camping	Merit badge book recommended camping gear, backpack and frame needed
Orienteering	4 <sup>th</sup>		Merit Badge book and compass required
Pioneering	2 <sup>nd</sup>		Merit Badge book required
Wilderness Survival	2 <sup>nd</sup>		Bring supplies needed to make a survival kit. Will require an overnight with minimal equipment.
Archery	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Read Req. 1, 2, 3	May require practice outside of class time. Merit Badge Book Required
Rifle Shooting	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Read Req. 1a-1i	Req. physical strength; May require practice beyond class time, Merit Badge Book required; DO NOT bring own gun or ammo., .22 ammo is free
Shotgun Shooting	3 <sup>rd</sup>	13+ years old. Read Req. 1a-1i	Req. physical strength; practice beyond class time, Merit Badge Book required; DO NOT bring own gun or ammo. Cost is \$20 for MB: consist of 50 shots; \$10/25 shots additional
Individual C.O.P.E. (not a merit badge)	3 <sup>rd</sup>	14+	Takes all 3 merit badge periods in morning <u>or</u> afternoon during Troop activity time.
BSA Kayaking (not a merit badge)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Swimmer	During 2 <sup>nd</sup> merit badge period
BSA Lifeguard (not a merit badge)	4 <sup>th</sup>	CPR, 14+, swimmer	Mon – Fri 2-5pm
Paul Bunyan Award	1 <sup>st</sup>		Mon – Fri 3pm
Leave No Trace Award	1 <sup>st</sup>		Mon – Fri 4pm
Mile Swim Award	1 <sup>st</sup>	swimmer	Must do all three of the following: Mon 4pm ¼ mile swim Wed 4pm ½ mile swim Thurs 4pm 1 mile swim