



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
CONNECTICUT RIVERS COUNCIL



Guess how many different merit badges our camps will offer this summer.

**91 different merit badges will be offered at Connecticut Rivers Council camps this summer.**

That's about two thirds of all the available merit badges and represents a tremendous opportunity for our Scouts. Any young man would be challenged to not find a subject that interests them. Be it high adventure or STEM, physical activity or technology, shooting sports or pet care there is something for everyone. The offerings reflects what our Scouts are interested in and what our staff members are passionate about.

Interested in a particular badge: Find the badge, where it is offered and sign up for that camp..

**How the table works:**

Merit badges being offered are listed alphabetically. If you want to see the requirements, click on the merit badge name in the second column. Each camp is listed in the far right columns. An "X" identifies that this merit badge is offered every week of the "regular" Boy Scout camp. Any other letters indicates that the merit badge is offered in a specialty camp (T2E, for example means Trail to Eagle). A listing of these abbreviations are included at the bottom of the page.



**You may click on the items in the right three columns to jump to the appropriate event page for further information or to sign up for that event.**

JNW = June Norcross Webster Scout Reservation CM = Camp Mattatuck CW = Camp Workcoeman

**Note on merit badge completion:**

Many of these Merit Badges require that work be completed prior to camp.

		JNW	CM	CW
	<b>American Cultures</b> : The United States is a nation of immigrants. Every person came to America from somewhere else—or their ancestors did—and understanding these various cultural backgrounds can help Scouts to live in harmony with others in our varied and increasingly multicultural society.	X T2E		
	<b>Animal Science</b> : Cattle, horses, sheep, goats, hogs, poultry, and other domesticated animals are important to people for many reasons. They supply us with food and clothing, we use them for recreational purposes, they work with and for us.	X T2E		
	<b>Archaeology</b> : Archaeologists are detectives who study how people lived in the past. They figure out what happened, when, how, and why. Using the clues that people left behind, they try to understand how and why human culture has changed through time.	X T2E		
	<b>Archery</b> : Archery is a fun way for Scouts to exercise minds as well as bodies, developing a steady hand, a good eye, and a disciplined mind. This merit badge can provide a thorough introduction to those who are new to the bow and arrow—but even for the experienced archer, earning	X T2E	X	X T2E

	the badge can help to increase the understanding and appreciation of archery.			
	<b>Art</b> : This merit badge concentrates on two-dimensional art, specifically drawing and painting in various media, including an introduction to design applications in the fields of graphic arts and industrial design, history and design principles, and how these fields relate to fine art.	<u>X</u> T2E	X	<u>X</u> T2E
	<b>Astronomy</b> : In learning about astronomy, Scouts study how activities in space affect our own planet and bear witness to the wonders of the night sky: the nebulae, or giant clouds of gas and dust where new stars are born; old stars dying and exploding; meteor showers and shooting stars; the moon, planets, and a dazzling array of stars.	<u>X</u> T2E	<u>X</u> WOO	X
	<b>Athletics</b> : Being involved in an athletic endeavor is not only a way to have fun, but it also is one of the best ways for a person to maintain a healthy and strong body, living up to the promise each Scout makes "to keep myself physically strong."	<u>X</u> T2E	X	<u>X</u> T2E
	<b>Automotive Maintenance</b> : Modern automobiles are important to many aspects of American life. Those who service automobiles must understand each principle, and how these principles interact to provide smooth, efficient performance. Owners of cars also benefit by understanding how their vehicles operate. This enables them to understand why certain periodic maintenance is required to keep their vehicles in tip-top shape.		NEW! X C/T	
	<b>Aviation</b> : For most of history, people have dreamed of flying, imagining how it would feel to soar through the sky like an eagle or hover in midair like a hummingbird, to float on unseen currents, free of Earth's constant tug, able to travel great distances and to rise above any obstacle. Today, through aviation, we can not only join the birds but also fly farther, faster, and higher than they ever could.		NEW! X	
	<b>Backpacking</b> : Earning the Backpacking merit badge will be demanding but rewarding. Scouts will learn what equipment to carry on their backs and what knowledge to have in their heads. In addition, Scouts will discover how to protect the environment by traveling and camping without leaving a trace. By mastering the basics of backpacking, Scouts will develop an even deeper respect for the outdoors.		<u>X</u> WOO	
	<b>Basketry</b> : Basketry is a handy skill for a Scout. A basket can be a sturdy companion on campouts, carrying clothes snugly and efficiently, holding potatoes and corn for roasting over a campfire, or carrying the day's fishing catch back to camp for dinner. Baskets and basket-weaving projects also make great gifts for family and friends.	<u>X</u> T2E	X	<u>X</u> T2E
	<b>Bird Study</b> : Birds are among the most fascinating creatures on Earth. Many are beautifully colored. Others are accomplished singers. Many of the most important discoveries about birds and how they live have been made by amateur birders. In pursuing this hobby, a Scout might someday make a valuable contribution to our understanding of the natural world.			X
	<b>Bugling</b> : The Bugling merit badge was one of the <u>original 57 merit badges</u> issued by the Boy Scouts of America in 1911.	<u>X</u> T2E		
	<b>Camping</b> : Camping is one of the best-known methods of the Scouting movement. When he founded the Scouting movement in the early 1900s, Robert Baden-Powell encouraged every Scout to learn the art of living out-	<u>X</u> T2E	<u>X</u> WOO	<u>X</u> T2E

	of-doors. He believed a young person able to take care of himself while camping would have the confidence to meet life's other challenges, too.			
	<b>Canoeing</b> : For several centuries, the canoe was a primary method of travel for explorers and settlers. Today, it remains an important part of the wilderness experience and an enjoyable leisure activity that teaches communication, teamwork, and physical fitness.	<u>X</u> <u>T2E</u>	X	<u>X</u> <u>T2E</u>
	<b>Chess</b> : The <a href="#">USCF (United States Chess Federation)</a> provided the primary contributing writers for the Merit Badge pamphlet.	<u>X</u> <u>T2E</u>	X	<b>NEW!</b> <u>X</u> <u>T2E</u>
	<b>Citizenship in the Nation</b> : As Scouts fulfill the requirements for this merit badge, they will learn how to become active citizens are aware of and grateful for their liberties and rights, to participate in their governments and protect their freedom, helping to defend their country and standing up for individual rights on behalf of all its citizens.	<u>X</u> <u>T2E</u>	<u>CIT</u>	<u>T2E</u>
	<b>Citizenship in the World</b> : As Scouts fulfill the requirements for this merit badge, they will learn how to become active citizens are aware of and grateful for their liberties and rights, to participate in their governments and protect their freedom, helping to defend their country and standing up for individual rights on behalf of all its citizens.	<u>T2E</u>	<u>CIT</u>	<u>T2E</u>
	<b>Climbing</b> : Climbing is not a sport that requires tremendous muscular strength; it demands mental toughness and the willingness to practice hard to master a set of skills. The adventure of climbing can also provide a new way to enjoy the outdoors.	<u>X</u> <u>T2E</u>	X	<u>X</u> <u>T2E</u>
	<b>Collections</b> : Collecting can be an educational and financially rewarding pastime: A collector must educate himself about a specific subject, be able to tell which items are worth preserving, how to catalog and organize his collection, and how to evaluate the value of items.		<b>NEW!</b> X	
	<b>Communication</b> : This clear and concise definition comes from the U.S. Department of Education: "Communication focuses on how people use messages to generate meanings within and across various contexts, cultures, channels, and media. The field of communication promotes the effective and ethical practice of human communication."	<u>T2E</u>	<b>NEW!</b> X	<u>T2E</u>
	<b>Cooking</b> : The Cooking merit badge introduces principles of cooking that can be used both at home or in the outdoors. Scouts who earn this badge will learn about food safety, nutritional guidelines, meal planning, and methods of food preparation, and will review the variety of culinary (or cooking) careers available.	<u>X</u> <u>T2E</u>	<u>X</u> <u>WOO</u>	<u>X</u> <u>T2E</u>
	<b>Cycling</b> : Since 1911, hundreds of thousands of Scouts have made the most of their two-wheel adventures by earning the Cycling merit badge. Whether you just got your first bicycle or have been cycling for years, you will learn more about your bike and what it can do by working on the requirements for this badge.	<u>X</u> <u>T2E</u>	X	
	<b>Digital Technology</b> : Digital Technology merit badge, set to debut in mid-April 2014, will guide Scouts through the exciting, complex, ever-changing world of smartphone apps, computer software and tech-focused careers.		<b>NEW!</b> X	<u>T2E</u>

				
	<b>Disabilities Awareness</b> : Look around at the Scouts in your unit, the members of your sports teams, and the kids in your class - you will see that each person has their own personalities, distinct interests and ideas, different physical features, and different strengths and needs.		NEW! X	
	<b>Electricity</b> : Electricity is a powerful and fascinating force of nature. As early as 600 b.c., observers of the physical world suspected that electricity existed but did not have a name for it. In fact, real progress in unraveling the mystery of electricity has come only within the last 250 years.	X T2E	C/T	
	<b>Electronics</b> : Electronics is the science that controls the behavior of electrons so that some type of useful function is performed. Today, electronics is a fast-changing and exciting field.	X T2E		
	<b>Emergency Preparedness</b> : Scouts are often called upon to help because they know first aid and they know about the discipline and planning needed to react to an emergency situation. Earning this merit badge helps a Scout to be prepared by learning the actions that can be helpful and needed before, during, and after an emergency.	T2E	NEW! X	T2E
	<b>Energy</b> : Saving, producing, and using energy wisely will be critical to America's future. If we are to leave future generations with a world in which they can live as well or better than we have, SCouts and other potential leaders of tomorrow must begin the hard work of understanding energy and the vital role it will play in the future.		STE	
	<b>Engineering</b> : Engineers use both science and technology to turn ideas into reality, devising all sorts of things, ranging from a tiny, low-cost battery for your cell phone to a gigantic dam across the mighty Yangtze River in China.	X T2E		
	<b>Environmental Science</b> : While earning the Environmental Science merit badge, Scouts will get a taste of what it is like to be an environmental scientist, making observations and carrying out experiments to investigate the natural world.	X T2E	X	X T2E
	<b>Farm Mechanics</b> : From the mattock and hoe to the horse and mule, the cotton gin and reaper, the tractor and air seeder — this is the story of farm equipment. Today, most farms are mechanized, and farmers can do most of their own maintenance work and make the adjustments needed on their many intricate farm implements.	X T2E	C/T	
	<b>Fingerprinting</b> : In earning the Fingerprinting merit badge, Scouts will learn about and use an important technique that is used by law enforcement officers, along with other materials like matching dental records and DNA sampling, to help identify amnesia victims, missing persons, abducted children, and others.	X T2E		
	<b>Fire Safety</b> : The ability to use fire safely is essential to human survival. By earning this merit badge, Scouts will learn to use fire safely and	X T2E	X	

	responsibly, how to prevent home fires, and how to handle fire safely, as well as burn prevention, and camping safety.			
	<b>First Aid</b> : First aid - caring for injured or ill persons until they can receive professional medical care - is an important skill for every Scout. With some knowledge of first aid, a Scout can provide immediate care and help to someone who is hurt or who becomes ill. First aid can help prevent infection and serious loss of blood. It could even save a limb or a life.	<u>X</u> T2E	NEW! X	<u>X</u> T2E
	<b>Fish and Wildlife Management</b> : Wildlife management is the science and art of managing the wildlife - both animals and fish - with which we share our planet. Maintaining the proper balance and the dynamics that go with it requires humankind's attention. We use this stewardship tool to help minimize or eradicate the possibility of extinction of any given species. We want our descendants to have the opportunity to experience the same animal diversity that we now enjoy.	<u>X</u> T2E	X	<u>X</u> T2E
	<b>Fishing</b> : In <i>Scouting for Boys</i> , Baden-Powell offers this advice: "Every Scout ought to be able to fish in order to get food for himself. A tenderfoot [beginner] who starved on the bank of a river full of fish would look very silly, yet it might happen to one who had never learned to catch fish."	<u>X</u> T2E	X	<u>X</u> T2E
	<b>Fly-Fishing</b> : Fly-fishing is a specialized form of fishing that combines skill and artistry. Because it is so rich with tradition, it is a passion for millions of people. The beauty of the water, the solitude, and the skills that the sport requires have made fly-fishing very important in the lives of many notable people.	<u>X</u> T2E	X	
	<b>Forestry</b> : In working through the Forestry merit badge requirements, Scouts will explore the remarkable complexity of a forest and identify many species of trees and plants and the roles they play in a forest's life cycle. They will also discover some of the resources forests provide to humans and come to understand that people have a very large part to play in sustaining the health of forests.	<u>X</u> T2E	X WOO	<u>X</u> T2E
	<b>Geocaching</b> : The word <i>geocache</i> is a combination of "geo," which means "earth," and "cache," which means "a hiding place." <i>Geocaching</i> describes a hiding place on planet Earth - a hiding place you can find using a GPS unit. A GPS (Global Positioning System) unit is an electronic tool that shows you where to go based on information it gets from satellites in space.	<u>X</u> T2E	X	<u>X</u> T2E
	<b>Geology</b> : Geology is the study of Earth. It includes the study of materials that make up Earth, the processes that change it, and the history of how things happened, including human civilization, which depends on natural materials for existence.	<u>X</u> T2E		X
	<b>Golf</b> : Golf is unique because the players police themselves. Other sports depend upon referees or umpires to apply penalties when there are infractions of the rules. In golf, every player is expected to act honorably, and the welfare and integrity of the game rely on every player's honesty. This is why golf often is referred to as a "gentleman's game."	<u>X</u> T2E	X	
	<b>Hiking</b> : Hiking is a terrific way to keep your body and mind in top shape, both now and for a lifetime. Walking packs power into your legs and makes your heart and lungs healthy and strong. Exploring the outdoors challenges you with discoveries and new ideas. Your senses will improve as you use your eyes and ears to gather information along the way.		X	

	<b>Home Repairs</b> : Successfully completing this badge's requirements can lead to a lifetime of personal and financial rewards: Doing basic home repairs provides a sense of personal pride in one's achievements and increased self-confidence. In addition, safe and successful do-it-yourselfers can easily save a family thousands of dollars in repair bills over the years.		<b>NEW!</b> X C/T	
	<b>Indian Lore</b> : Far different from the stereotypes or common images that are portrayed on film, on television, and in many books and stories, American Indians have many different cultures, languages, religions, styles of dress, and ways of life. To learn about these different groups is to take an exciting journey of discovery in which you will meet some of America's most fascinating peoples.	X T2E	X	X T2E
	<b>Insect Study</b> : In earning the Insect Study merit badge, Scouts will glance into the strange and fascinating world of the insect. There, they will meet tiny creatures with tremendous strength and speed, see insects that undergo startling changes in habits and form as they grow, and learn how insects see, hear, taste, smell, and feel the world around them.			X
	<b>Kayaking</b> : New in April 2012, this Merit Badge recognizes that Scouts want to get around quickly and have fun on the water.	X T2E	X	X T2E
	<b>Landscape Architecture</b> : Landscape architects design and plan the various outdoor spaces in modern communities - neighborhood parks, soccer fields, school grounds, places of worship, office parks, shopping malls, cemeteries, and lakes - creating outdoor places that people will care about and want to visit.		<b>NEW!</b> X	
	<b>Leatherwork</b> : Scouts who complete the requirements to earn the Leatherwork merit badge will explore leather's history and its endless uses. They will learn to make a useful leather item using the same types of raw materials that our ancestors used; be challenged to master skills like hand-stitching, lacing, and braiding.; and learn how to preserve and protect leather items so they will last a lifetime and beyond.	X T2E	X WOO	X T2E
	<b>Lifesaving</b> : No Boy Scout will ignore a plea for help. However, the desire to help is of little use unless one knows how to give the proper aid. The main purpose of the Lifesaving merit badge is to prepare Scouts to assist those involved in water accidents, teaching them the basic knowledge of rescue techniques, the skills to perform them, and the judgment to know when and how to act so that they can be prepared for emergencies.	X T2E	X	X T2E
	<b>Mammal Study</b> : A mammal may weigh as little as 1/12 ounce, as do some shrews, or as much as 150 tons, like the blue whale. It may spring, waddle, swim, or even fly. But if it has milk for its young, has hair of some kind, is relatively intelligent, and has warm blood, then it is a mammal.	X T2E	X	X T2E
	<b>Metalwork</b> : Scouts will begin their work on this merit badge by learning about the properties of metal, how to use simple metalworking tools, and the basic metalworking techniques. Then they will practice using these tools and techniques before concentrating on the more intricate skills of one of four metalworking options.	X T2E	C/T WOO	X T2E
	<b>Motorboating</b> : With the fun of operating a motor boat comes the responsibility for keeping that boat in first-class condition, knowing and obeying the nautical "rules of the road," and gaining the general knowledge and skills to operate a boat safely.	X T2E		
	<b>Music</b> : The history of music is rich and exciting. Through the ages, new music has been created by people who learned from tradition, then	X T2E		

	explored and innovated. All the great music has not yet been written. Today, the possibilities for creating new music are limitless.			
	<b>Nature</b> : There is a very close connection between the soil, the plants, and all animal life, including people. Understanding this connection, and the impact we have upon it, is important to preserving the wilderness, as well as to our own well-being as members of the web of nature.	<u>X</u> <u>T2E</u>		<u>X</u> <u>T2E</u>
	<b>Oceanography</b> : The oceans cover more than 70 percent of our planet and are the dominant feature of Earth. Wherever you live, the oceans influence the weather, the soil, the air, and the geography of your community. To study the oceans is to study Earth itself.			<u>X</u> <u>T2E</u>
	<b>Orienteering</b> : Orienteering, the use of map and compass to find locations and plan a journey, has been a vital skill for humans for thousands of years. Orienteering is also a recognized sport at the Olympic Games, and thousands of people participate in the sport each year in local clubs and competitions.	<u>X</u> <u>T2E</u>	X	<u>X</u> <u>T2E</u>
	<b>Personal Fitness</b> : Personal fitness is an individual effort and desire to be the best one can be. Regardless of their current levels of personal fitness, in the twelve weeks it will take Scouts to complete the athletic requirements for this merit badge, they will be in better shape, feel better about themselves, have more energy, and gain self-confidence in their overall abilities.	<u>X</u> <u>T2E</u>	X	<u>X</u> <u>T2E</u>
	<b>Personal Management</b> : Personal management is about mapping a plan for your life that will involve setting short-range and long-range goals and investigating different ways to reach those goals. Education, training, and experience all help make your goals become a reality. To achieve your goals, you will choose the best path and make a commitment to it, while remaining flexible enough to deal with changes and new opportunities.			<u>T2E</u>
	<b>Pets</b> : Pet ownership is a mixture of fun, excitement, responsibility, commitment, expense, and learning. Besides providing a window into the animal world, owning pets gives us opportunities to participate in activities that strengthen the human-animal bond. Pet ownership teaches us about the responsibility we have to the other living beings on this planet, and pets can be just plain fun.		<b>NEW!</b> X	
	<b>Photography</b> : Beyond capturing family memories, photography offers a chance to be creative. Many photographers use photography to express their creativity, using lighting, composition, depth, color, and content to make their photographs into more than snapshots. Good photographs tell us about a person, a news event, a product, a place, a scientific breakthrough, an endangered animal, or a time in history.		X	
	<b>Pioneering</b> : Pioneering—the knowledge of ropes, knots, and splices along with the ability to build rustic structures by lashing together poles and spars—is among the oldest of Scouting's skills. Practicing rope use and completing projects with lashings also allow Scouts to connect with past generations, ancestors who used many of these skills as they sailed the open seas and lived in America's forests and prairies.	<u>X</u> <u>T2E</u>	<u>X</u> <u>WOO</u>	<u>X</u> <u>T2E</u>
	<b>Plant Science</b> : Plant scientists use their curiosity and knowledge to develop questions about the world of plants. Then they try to answer those questions with further observations and experiments in the laboratory and in the field. To earn this merit badge, Scouts will explore three of the most important plant science specialties: agronomy, horticulture, and field botany.		X	X
	<b>Plumbing</b> : Plumbing, including pipe fitting, is an important and well-paid occupation. The industry is quite broad. It covers installations and repairs		<u>C/T</u>	

	in homes, commercial properties, and factories. Plumbing pipelines are used for water supply, waste drainage, natural-gas heating, and many other purposes.			
	<b>Public Speaking</b> : A lot happens during the course of every person's life and your ability to communicate your feelings and ideas is the best way to connect to the larger world. Even if you haven't stood at a podium on the stage and find the whole idea scary, sooner or later, someone is going to ask you to get up and say a few words. If you are prepared, it won't be scary. It can even be fun.	<u>X</u> T2E	NEW! X	
	<b>Pulp and Paper</b> : Here's an astonishing number to digest. Each person in the United States uses about 700 pounds of paper each year. Paper is everywhere in our lives. Every year in the United States, more than 2 billion individual books, 24 billion newspapers, and 350 million magazines are published on paper.		C/T	
	<b>Radio</b> : Radio is a way to send information, or communications, from one place to another. Broadcasting includes both one-way radio (a person hears the information but can't reply) as well as two-way radio (where the same person can both receive and send messages).	<u>X</u> T2E		
	<b>Railroading</b> : By earning this badge, Scouts can learn about the history of railroading, its place in modern society, careers in railroading, and hobbies related to railroading.	<u>X</u> T2E		
	<b>Reptile and Amphibian Study</b> : Boys always have been interested in snakes, turtles, lizards, and alligators, as well as frogs and salamanders. Developing knowledge about these captivating creatures leads to an appreciation for all native wildlife; understanding the life cycle of a reptile or amphibian and keeping one as a pet can be a good introduction to natural history; and knowing about venomous species can help Scouts to be prepared to help in case of an emergency.	<u>X</u> T2E		<u>X</u> T2E
	<b>Rifle Shooting</b> : Unless a rifle is handled incorrectly or recklessly, it is not dangerous. A rifle, like any other precision instrument, is manufactured to perform a specific task and can do so at no risk to the user or others. By earning this badge, Scouts can develop their shooting skills while learning safe practices.	<u>X</u> T2E	X	<u>X</u> T2E
	<b>Robotics</b> : Earning the Robotics merit badge requires a Scout to understand how robots move (actuators), sense the environment (sensors), and understand what to do (programming); he should demonstrate robot design in building a robot. You should help ensure that the Scout has sufficiently explored the field of robotics to understand what it is about, and to discover whether this may be a field of interest for him as a career.	<u>X</u> T2E		
	<b>Rowing</b> : Rowing is the use of oars as a means of propelling boats, has grown from a basic method of transportation to a competitive sport and an enjoyable method of exercising.	<u>X</u> T2E	X	<u>X</u> T2E
	<b>Scouting Heritage</b> : The new <a href="#">Scouting Heritage merit badge</a> , available now, introduces boys to the history of the Boy Scouts of America. They'll learn it all—from Scouting's beginnings under Lord Baden-Powell to the history of their own troop.	<u>X</u> T2E	NEW! X	<u>X</u> T2E
	<b>Scuba Diving</b> : Scuba Diving Merit Badge is the result of a <a href="#">newly announced partnership</a> between the BSA and PADI, the Professional			SCU

	Association of Diving Instructors. Officials at the BSA determined that 84 percent of Scouts were interested in the merit badge.			
	<b>Sculpture</b> : This merit badge introduces Scouts to sculpture, an art form that allows an artist to express what he sees and feels by using these three dimensions by shaping materials such as clay, stone, metal, and wood.	<u>X</u> <u>T2E</u>		
	<b>Search and Rescue</b> : S&R merit badge will cover skills like working around specialized teams such as aircraft, canine, and aquatic rescue teams, and identifying differences between search and rescue environments, such as coastal, wilderness, rural, and urban landscapes.		NEW! X	<u>S&amp;R</u>
	<b>Shotgun Shooting</b> : A shotgun is a precision instrument, designed to shoot a shot charge in a specific pattern to cover a designated area at a certain distance. Unlike a rifle, the bore of the shotgun is not rifled, so the shot emerging from the muzzle is not spinning.	<u>X</u> <u>T2E</u>	X	X
	<b>Small-Boat Sailing</b> : Sailing is one of the most enjoyable pastimes on the open water. The quiet and peacefulness of the water can provide a pleasant break from everyday life. However, smooth sailing requires paying careful attention to safety.	<u>X</u> <u>T2E</u>	X	<u>X</u> <u>T2E</u>
	<b>Soil and Water Conservation</b> : Conservation isn't just the responsibility of soil and plant scientists, hydrologists, wildlife managers, landowners, and the forest or mine owner alone. It is the duty of every person to learn more about the natural resources on which our lives depend so that we can help make sure that these resources are used intelligently and cared for properly.	<u>X</u> <u>T2E</u>	X	X
	<b>Space Exploration</b> : Space is mysterious. We explore space for many reasons, not least because we don't know what is out there, it is vast, and humans are full of curiosity. Each time we send explorers into space, we learn something we didn't know before. We discover a little more of what is there.	<u>X</u> <u>T2E</u>		<u>X</u> <u>T2E</u>
	<b>Sports</b> : Millions of people participate in sports every year. For some the appeal is the close friendships that come with being part of a team. Some revel in the joy of victory and lessons of defeat. For some, the personal fitness is so important that exercise becomes a daily need. And still others desire the feeling of achievement, that feeling of measurable improvement that comes with dedication to a sport.	<u>X</u> <u>T2E</u>	X	<u>X</u> <u>T2E</u>
	<b>Sustainability</b> : The badge joins the Eagle-required list as an option to <a href="#">Environmental Science merit badge</a> . Scouts must earn either Sustainability or Environmental Science on their journey to Eagle.		NEW! X	NEW! <u>X</u> <u>T2E</u>
	<b>Swimming</b> : Swimming is a leisure activity, a competitive sport, and a basic survival skill. Scouts who earn this badge will learn about safety when swimming and diving, how swimming can contribute to overall fitness and health, and gain some basic competitive swimming skills.	<u>X</u> <u>T2E</u>	X	<u>X</u> <u>T2E</u>
	<b>Textile</b> : People use countless fibers and fabrics in their everyday lives: clothes, carpets, curtains, towels, sheets, upholstered furniture. Add to that list boat sails, book bindings, bandages, flags, sleeping bags, mailbags, airbags, seat belts, backpacks, parachutes, umbrellas, basketball nets, and more.			NEW! <u>X</u> <u>T2E</u>

	<b>Water Sports</b> : Water sports are a fun and exhilarating way to enjoy being outdoors while developing strength, coordination, and fitness. By developing experience with water sports and practicing good judgment, Scouts will gain skills that will serve them well for a lifetime and have extreme fun while they do.	<u>X</u> <u>T2E</u>		
	<b>Weather</b> : Meteorology is the study of Earth's atmosphere and its weather and the ways in which temperature, wind, and moisture act together in the environment. In addition to learning how everyday weather is predicted, Scouts can learn about extreme weather such as thunderstorms, tornadoes, and hurricanes, and how to stay safe.	<u>X</u> <u>T2E</u>	X	<u>X</u> <u>T2E</u>
	<b>Welding</b> : The BSA turned to the American Welding Society to help create a new merit badge that will teach Scouts about a real-world field where demand for workers exceeds supply. With America's demand for manufactured goods growing, so too is the need for new talent. By the end of the decade, it's estimated that our country will have a critical need for 200,000 new welders. Talk about job security!	<u>X</u> <u>T2E</u>	<b>NEW!</b> <u>X</u> <u>C/T</u>	
	<b>Whitewater</b> : Canoeing or kayaking through whitewater rapids can be a thrilling experience. Safe whitewater fun requires each participant to understand the the equipment and techniques and to have a firm respect for the power of nature's waterways.	<u>X</u> <u>T2E</u>	X	
	<b>Wilderness Survival</b> : In their outdoor activities, Scouts learn to bring the clothing and gear they need, to make good plans, and do their best to manage any risks. But now and then, something unexpected happens. When things go wrong, the skills of wilderness survival can help make everything right again.	<u>X</u> <u>T2E</u>	<u>X</u> <u>WOO</u>	<u>X</u> <u>T2E</u>
	<b>Wood Carving</b> : As with any art, wood carving involves learning the basics of design, along with material selection and tools and techniques, as well as wood-carving safety. The requirements of the Wood Carving merit badge introduce Scouts to an enjoyable hobby and that can become a lifetime activity.	<u>X</u> <u>T2E</u>	<u>X</u> <u>WOO</u>	<u>X</u> <u>T2E</u>
	<b>Woodwork</b> : Wood is an amazingly versatile, practical, yet beautiful material. A skilled craftsman can use wood to fashion just about anything. As a woodworker or carpenter, you will find no end of useful, valuable, and fun items you can make yourself, from wood.	<u>X</u> <u>T2E</u>	<u>C/T</u>	

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# Boy Scout Troop 39 ~ Summer Camp 2015

J. N. Webster Scout Reservation in Ashford, CT ~ Sunday, July 12 - Friday, July 17

## Important Dates:

<b>March 31</b>	Summer camp forms and details available at Parent-Camper Meeting
<b>May 12</b>	<b>Last day</b> for registration form and payment*
<b>June 2</b>	<b>Last day</b> for Health forms to be handed in for review (Nurse will review for accuracy and return for any needed revisions)
<b>June 30</b> (7pm)	Pre-camp Meeting for all attending summer camp *Bring any revised health forms so they can be handed in prior to camp!
<b>July 12-17</b>	Summer camp with Troop 39!

**\*Camp Cost: Troop 39 has paid deposits to hold spaces at an early bird rate of \$390. Payment in full and paperwork must be received by 5/12 to secure a spot. After 5/15, the camp fee cost charged by Council is \$465 (additional fee does not pertain to new Crossover scouts).**

**Camp Information:** See our troop website [www.ct-troop39.org](http://www.ct-troop39.org) for information and documents pertaining to summer camp, including links to JN Webster's site, descriptions for all the merit badges offered, pre-requisites...and more! Tip for success: once merit badge decisions are made, reserve the merit badge pamphlets with the Troop Librarian (Zach Gianetti) or purchase them at the Scout Store. Read the requirements *before* going to camp, there is often some preparation that should be done ahead.

## Required Forms:

1. Troop Registration Form, handed in with payment due no later than 5/12
2. BSA Annual Health and Medical Record
  - Ø Part A, B, C are required
  - Ø Part B physician **signature only** may be substituted by a SIGNED State of Connecticut blue form dated after 6/29/14; Part C still needs to be completed
  - Ø ALL signatures on all forms **must be dated after 7/11/14**
  - Ø Copy of front and back of insurance card required
3. Medication Authorization and Allergy Treatment Plan – if there is more information to provide than room on Part B, please attach separate sheets (one per medication or allergy). Forms can be found on our troop website or JNW's website.
4. Merit Badge Sign-Up – circle choices, put your name on top. Some classes fill up so hand in ASAP! More information on badges and requirements can be found at [www.meritbadge.org](http://www.meritbadge.org). (Crossover Scouts: see note on registration form regarding First Class Path Program)

Health forms are reviewed and delivered to JNW prior to camp start. This process saves everyone a long wait in line and potential of your son being turned away from camp the first day! Please note deadlines.

## VOLUNTEER!!!!

**Years of experience have proven** that it is crucial that we maintain a 1 adult: 5 scouts ratio for a positive, safe and productive camp experience. Based on feedback, Troop 39 anticipates sending approximately 20 scouts to camp this year, which means we need at least 4 adults at camp at all times. Please consider volunteering a day, night or more to support our scouts – and have a great time enjoying summer, the outdoors, and camp food! The troop covers the camp cost of adult volunteers.

**Please note that health forms are required for any adult staying overnight.**

**If you are able to help, or have questions about volunteering, please see Mike or Danielle.**

**Thank you!**

**Questions:** If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask!

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