

Shooting Sports

At Shooting Sports, we're setting our sights high (well actually we're setting them at our target, but you get the point). With three "sure-shot" merit badges, and some great extra activities, this area has everything to offer the shooting enthusiast. Although we emphasize some important rules such as only going to the range when it is open and leaving your own bow/gun at home, we also emphasize a lot of fun.

Merit Badge	Pre-Camp Preparation	Comments
Archery	Practice if possible	Action Archery is available at 11:00 (you must have the archery merit badge, or be accompanied by a leader)
Rifle Shooting	Practice if possible.	Cost of \$5.00
Shotgun Shooting	Practice if possible.	Recommended for 12 & older Consider Scouts size and age Cost: \$25.00

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Scoutcraft

So you want to be an all around **Super Scout**? Then our Scoutcraft program is your answer for success! This area offers all the badges and plenty of crazy events to turn you into a Scouting Skills Machine. This is definitely one of camp's traditionally favorite areas.

Merit Badge	Pre-Camp Preparation*	Comments
Camping (E)	Req. 9abc; bring written statement to prove you have completed all 3 parts of the requirement	Requires 20 days/nights of Scout camping. Much of written work can be done at home
Backpacking	9abcde,10,11abc	Bring hiking backpack and hiking boots
Orienteering	7ab, 8ab	Bring compass, Will be setting up own compass course.
Pioneering	Complete Tenderfoot Reg 4ab First Class 7abc,8a	Splicing may be a challenge, review knots. Two hours long class session
Wilderness Survival	Req. 5: bring your survival kit to camp.	There will be an overnight camp out in an improvised shelter on Thursday evening, 10:45 at Scoutcraft area The survival kit must meet requirement 5 standards
Hiking (E)	5,6,7, and have your map ready for 4.	Let us get you ready to earn this badge outside of Camp
Paul Bunyan Woodsman	Must Have Totn' Chip	Not a merit badge Only offered during free time 4-5

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Ranger Area

Here's your Chance to hang out with Gerber Scout Camp's very own Ranger Charlie Brown. You can learn a little about the maintenance of camp and have the opportunity to give a little service to camp.

Merit Badge	Pre-Camp preparation*	Comments
Fishing	Practice	Bring Pole

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Damaged Equipment

Gerber Scout Camp puts a very high value on its program and campsite equipment. Any damage to camp-owned equipment through negligence or abuse will be the sole responsibility of the Troop. Replacement cost will be assessed to the troop based on replacement cost and payment must be made before leaving on Saturday. Please help us make camp equipment last!



Takachsin Longhouse

This exciting area is the foundation of what we believe to be the greatest step we have made to promote the understanding of Native American culture, at the same time building our brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow.

We will be offering Indian Lore, Archeology and Fishing in this area, but we're not stopping there (the sky is the limit when it comes to what we offer here). This is a place for all **Arrowmen** to make Native American regalia. Whether you want to try drumming, traditional dances or song, this will be the place you want to check out this summer.

Merit Badge	Pre-Camp preparation	Comments	
Drumming		Not a merit badge	Offered all Day
Dancing		Not a merit badge	
Tomahawk Throwing		Not a merit badge	
Regalia Workshop	If you own your own regalia then please bring it along.	Not a merit badge	
Fire Building		Not a merit badge	
American Cultures			
Indian Lore			
Archeology			

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Arrowmen who take the time to go above and beyond in their efforts to learn how to perform drumming, dancing and fire building, **may** be asked to participate in the Wednesday Call Out Ceremony.

Climbing

Who doesn't come to the climbing area to have fun? The answer: Nobody! This area is especially geared towards older scouts who are looking for a chance to be challenged and learn about an exciting new sport. Let us teach you how to belay, rappel, climb, and many other climbing related skills.

Merit Badge	Pre-Camp Preparation	Comments
Climbing		This is a physically demanding badge so come prepared.
Lead Climb Instructor Training		All afternoon- must be 21

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Project C.O.P.E.

(Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience)

Project C.O.P.E. will give Scouts a chance to overcome challenges, as a group and individual, develop leadership skills through some unique situations and work on communication and trust. Starting with some fun group games, the program works through some low course challenges to our ultimate challenge of our high ropes course.

Our C.O.P.E. program is offered daily from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and leaders COPE from 11:00 a.m. until noon. This is a great activity to develop your troop leadership into a stronger team. We are really excited for Scouts to enjoy the experience of our high ropes course.



Honor Ground

This area is designed for older scouts working on the Eagle Scout Award. Many of these merit badges cannot be completed at camp unless the prerequisites were met prior to arriving. If all prerequisites are met then many of these badges will be done quickly.

Honor Ground provides Merit Badge Counselors for ALL Eagle Scout Award required merit badges. During open sessions, you can request an eagle required merit badge not listed in this book. You should have prerequisites completed prior to making a request for a counselor.



Merit Badge	Pre-Camp Preparation*	Comments
Cit in World (E)	7	
First Aid (E)	2b, 3C, Get CPR Cert.	
Communications (E)	5, 7, 8	
Citizenship in Community (E)	2ab, 3ab, 4abc, 7abc	
Citizenship in Nation (E)	2, 3, 6, 8	
Personal Fitness (E)	1ab, 6, 7, 8	
Emergency Preparedness (E)	2c, 6bc, 7, 8b	
Personal Management (E)	2 a b	
Public Speaking		Bring Visual Aids

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HANDICRAFT

Highly visited and highly popular with younger Scouts, handicraft has a solid set of merit badges for the creative Scout. There are some costs involved, but usually a maximum of \$10.00. With fantastic merit badges and cool area events, make sure to stop by the Handicraft Area during your stay at Gerber.

Merit Badge	Pre-Camp preparation	Comments
Art		
Basketry		Available at TP for \$10.00
Leatherwork		Available at TP for \$6.00
Space Exploration		Available at TP for \$10.00
Woodcarving	Totin' Chip Certificate	Available at TP for \$6.00
Sculpture		
Metalwork		
Fingerprinting		Great for younger Scouts

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Technology

This is the third year for this program at Gerber Scout Camp! The technology area will focus on the evolution of technology in the last century. Don't plan on being stuck in a building in front of a computer for this program. We will be getting you out to see how technology has changed our world and how it affects us in everyday life. What an outstanding addition to an exceptional camp program!

Merit Badge	Pre-Camp Preparation	Comments
Computers		
Energy	1a, 4a	Take a serious look at req. 6 & 8
Electricity	2,8, 9a	Take a serious look at req. 7
Photography	Must bring your own digital camera, charger, & cable	
Electronics		Take a serious look at req. 6
Geocaching	7	Bring your GPS unit

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Gerber's Geocaching Course

What a great opportunity for your troop! There are two courses and a lot of ground to cover. If your troop can put together all the pieces of the puzzle, maybe you will find a prize! We strongly encourage troops to bring along a Global Positioning System (GPS) and try to find all of the waypoints that lead to the final geocache point. What a great opportunity for your troop to hone their orienteering skills! You can check out a GPS from the camp office.

William T. Hornaday Badge

1. Earn First Class rank.
2. Plan, lead, and carry out at least **one project** from one of the categories listed (below).
3. Complete the requirements for any **three** of the merit badges listed in bold (below). In addition, complete any **two** of the others listed.

William T. Hornaday Bronze or Silver Medal

1. Earn First Class rank.
2. *For the Bronze Medal:* Plan, lead, and carry out **three projects** from **three separate categories** listed (below). *For the Silver Medal:* Plan, lead, and carry out **four projects** from **four separate categories** listed.
3. Earn the Environmental Science merit badge. *For the Bronze Medal:* Earn at least **three more** merit badges listed in bold **plus any two** others listed (below). *For the Silver Medal:* Earn **all six** merit badges in bold and **any three more**.

Project categories

- Energy conservation
- Soil and water conservation
- Fish and Wildlife Management
- Forestry and range management
- Air and water pollution control
- Resource recovery (recycling)
- Invasive Species control
- Hazardous material disposal and management

Merit badges required for the Hornaday awards

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| • Energy | • Insect Study |
| • Environmental Science | • Landscape Architecture |
| • Fish and Wildlife Management | • Mammal Study |
| • Forestry | • Nature |
| • Public Health | • Nuclear Science |
| • Soil and Water Conservation | • Oceanography |
| • Bird Study | • Plant Science |
| • Fishing | • Pulp and Paper |
| • Gardening | • Reptile and Amphibian Study |
| • Geology | • Weather |

Environmental Resource Center

What better place to experience and learn about our beautiful camp than at the Environment Resource Center, located along the creek between Mayo Lake and Big Britton. With a wide variety of merit badges to choose from along with new and exciting area event, promises to bring out the nature lover in all of us.

Merit Badge	Pre-Camp Preparation	Comments
Weather	None	
Astronomy	5B, 6	Will be night work
Fish & Wildlife Management	5, 8	Part of World Conservation Award
Environmental Science (E)	1,4	Must bring all information you recorded and developed. Not a first year badge.
Nature	A-2, D-2, F-2	Any requirements done before camp are helpful.
Geology		
Bird Study	5,7,8	Some construction will be required
Mammal Study	3,4	

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Try your hand at earning the World Conservation Award!

You can earn this award by earning the following merit badges:

1. Environmental Science merit badge.
2. Either Soil and Water Conservation OR Fish and Wildlife Management merit badge.
3. Citizenship in the World merit badge.

These awards are presented for distinguished service in natural resource conversation for units, Scouts, Venturers, and Scouters. Boy Scouts may also earn the Hornaday Badge or the Hornaday Bronze or Silver Medal.

Aquatics Activity Badges

Activity badges are a lot of fun. It doesn't matter if you are a first year Scout or a Scout leader, all are welcomed to come and test their skills at the waterfront. You never know, you might just learn something new!

**** BSA Lifeguard is a 30 hour (all week) commitment. You must have a certification in both first aid and CPR to complete this training ****

Merit Badge	Prerequisite	Pre-Camp Prep	Comments
BSA Lifeguard*	15 years of age Practice and CPR for Pro Rescuer and First Aid Cards	Swim a lot	Ever think of joining our Staff?
Snorkeling*	Must Be a Swimmer		Feel free to bring personal equipment
Mile Swim*	Must be a Swimmer	Practice	Must have rower and spotter from troop when doing the mile swim on Thurs. or Fri.
Learn to Swim*	We want every Boy Scout and leader to know how to swim (Please let us help)	Leader Encouragement prior to camp.	Come prepared to have FUN!
Kayaking*	Must be a Swimmer		

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***You do not need a merit badge card for these instructional periods**