



Boy Scouts of America
Instructional Merit Badge Program

**Working
together to
prepare scouts
for lifelong
success.**

Taught by: Nantahala Outdoor Center (NOC)

Leaders in Outdoor Adventures Since 1972

NOC is now offering BSA certified instructional programs to fulfill Merit Badge Requirements. Scoutmasters can now take advantage of this comprehensive program to help Boy Scouts ages 11 to 18 to earn a merit badge in seven outdoor categories.

Merit Badges Available:

- Canoeing—Flatwater on Lake Fontana
- Canoeing—Whitewater or Kayaking (Class 2) on the Nantahala River
- Bird Study—Nantahala Forest
- Fly-Fishing---Great Smoky Mountains
- Cycling—Road and Mountain Biking on local trails and backroads
- Indian Lore—Eastern Band of the Cherokee Tribe and Museum
- Horsemanship—Nantahala Gorge

Instructors and Requirements:

- All requirements for merit badges are taken from the Boy Scout Requirement Handbook 2005.
- Instructor/student ratio 5:1
- Certified BSA counselors
- Certified ACA Instructors in water sports
- Mastered Degree Instructor in Ornithology
- Expert Cyclist for Road and Mountain Trail cycling
- Local Experts for fly fishing
- Certified NOC Instructors for high adventure ropes courses
- Experienced Interpreters for Museum

What's Included:

- NOC will provide all gear and equipment necessary for merit badge program
- Local transportation from NOC to each program's activity
- Full deli-style lunch provided
- Merit Badge applications available to handout at end of program
- NOC Badge also awarded to each scout upon program completion

Schedule and Group Size:

- Merit Badge Requirement programs completed in one to one and a half days
- Group size 8 to 10
- Maximum 40 per program (4 groups of 10)
- Program Offered Spring, Summer and Fall
 - Spring: March—June, Monday through Sunday
 - Summer: July—August, Monday through Thursday
 - Fall: September and October – Monday through Sunday

Preliminary Pricing:

- Group pricing based on minimum of 8 scouts. Call for your scout group.
- Canoeing: 1 and ½ days
- Kayaking: 1 and ½ days
- Horsemanship: 1 and ½ days
- Cycling: 1 day
- Bird Study: 1 day
- Fly-Fishing: 1 day
- Indian Lore: 1 day

Optional Packages

NOC's Adventure Resort can provide packages with one or more of these additional services:

- Lodging—tent platforms, base camp bunkhouses, cabins
- Extra meals---box lunches, family-style group meals in restaurant
- Equipment Rental and Purchase: available for any additional needs beyond what's included in the requirements programs.
- Group Rafting
- Photography—individual and Scout group

NOC's Guarantee:

NOC is committed to experiential education for youth to help them to develop the skills that lead to an engaged, productive and fulfilling life. Our programs develop participants' confidence and communication and team-building skills. Guaranteed.