

Merit Badge Difficulty Chart

Scouts should be successful in acquiring the information and mastering the skills necessary to complete the requirements for Merit Badges offered at Whitsett. Therefore, to assist leaders and help Scouts choose appropriate Merit Badge classes, we have assigned numbers representing the relative difficulty of each class offered.

- Level 1: Recommended for Scouts of any age.
- Level 2: Recommended for Scouts aged 12 and above, **or** who have completed the Second Class rank.
- Level 3a: Recommended for Scouts aged 13 and above, **or** who have developed good study skills including report writing.
- Level 3b: Recommended for Scouts aged 13 and above, **or** who have developed the strength and coordination usually associated with 13 year olds.
- Level 4:
and 5: Recommended for Scouts aged 14 and above, **or** who have developed the strength, coordination, and study skills associated with 14 year olds, or have substantial experience.

Level 1 Classes:

Handicraft: Basketry, Woodcarving
Nature: Nature

Level 2 Classes:

Aquatics: Swimming
Nature: Soil and Water Conservation, Reptile & Amphibian Study, Weather, Fishing, Fly Fishing, Mammals
Scoutcraft: Camping, Orienteering, Pioneering
Handicraft: Leatherwork
High Ad: Climbing
Frontier: Indian Lore

Level 3 Classes:

Aquatics: Lifesaving (3b), Canoeing (3a), Rowing (3a)
Handicraft: Pottery (3a), Art(3a)
Nature: Astronomy (3a), Environmental Science (3a), Fish and Wildlife Management (3a), Forestry (3a), Geology (3a)
Scoutcraft: Wilderness Survival (3a)

Level 4 Classes:

Shooting: Archery, Rifle Shooting, Shotgun Shooting
Aquatics: Small Boat Sailing
Horses: Horsemanship

Level 5 Class:

High Ad: White Water Rafting