

FRONTIERS CAMP

2023 Program and Merit Badge Offerings

1st Year Woodsmen program options and merit badge offerings:	Option 1: American Cultures (Part 1), Archery, Leatherwork, & Wilderness Survival MBs Option 2: American Cultures (Part 1) , Leatherwork, & Wilderness Survival MBs, and Bow Hunter Education Certification Option 3: American Cultures (Part 1) , Orienteering, Leatherwork & Wilderness Survival MBs
2nd year Skinner program options and merit badge offerings:	Option 1: Nature, Rifle Shooting MBs, American Cultures (Part 2) MBs, and Hunter Education Certification Option 2: Nature, Shotgun Shooting, American Cultures (Part 2) MB's, and Hunter Education Certification Option 3: Nature, Bird Study, American Cultures (Part 2) and First Aid MBs
3rd year Trapper program options and merit badge offerings:	Option 1: Mammal Study & Pioneering MBs, Trapper Education Option 2: Mammal Study, Pioneering, and Fishing MBs
4th year Voyageur program options and merit badge offerings:	Option 1: Canoeing, Metalwork, and Indian Lore MBs Option 2: Surveying, Metalwork, and Indian Lore MBs

Pre-camp Completion of Merit Badge Requirements

- To allow you to take more merit badges than you may normally do at camp and participate in the additional Frontiers Camp activities, you will need to do some pre-camp preparations for the merit badges and hunter education course that you will undertake. This will save you from completing merit badge reading and writing requirements while you're at camp and thus have time for more activities and have more fun.
- To participate in our merit badge program you must do some preparation BEFORE you arrive at camp: ***You MUST have obtained the merit badge booklet, read it thoroughly, and answered all the appropriate questions (except demonstration parts) in writing BEFORE you come to camp.***
- If you do not bring the written answers to the merit badge questions to camp, and/or do not hand them in to the merit badge instructor on arrival, you will not be able to earn the merit badge, nor will you receive a partial completion for the badge. Not all merit badges have requirements to complete as some only require you read the booklet prior to camp. Please review the chart (below) for further details.
- We strongly urge you to visit <https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/merit-badges/> on the Internet and print out the merit badge requirements worksheet(s), and answer them on the printout. Merit badge requirements are revised each year. It is

important that you access the worksheets from the above link to ensure you are using the most current requirements. You will be asked to submit these forms when you check-in on Saturday June 24th.

- You can obtain merit badge books from Green Mountain Council (1-800-704-3089), a local Scout retail distributor, or some local libraries. Please note that Frontiers Camp does not have a traditional Trading Post where merit badge books would typically be available, so please make sure you acquire them prior to coming to camp.
- **Hunter and Bow Hunter Education** instructions will be sent to those scouts signed up for those specific programs. Each of these programs have a workbook and/or online component that must be completed prior to camp.
- We strongly urge your participation in as many merit badges and/or activities as your specific program permits. We have a specific program that blends a realistic Frontier experience with the existing BSA merit badge program. We will gladly work with any scout that completes an activity and wishes to have that skill apply to their rank advancement, up to First Class, provided the Scout brings their handbook to camp and the skill does not conflict with organized Frontiers Camp activities. Scouts should discuss these activities with their program leader.
- The following chart details pre-camp expectations for merit badges. When a requirement is noted by number or letter, you need to answer that requirement in writing (on the merit badge worksheets we've directed you to) and bring the written forms to camp with you on June 24th for submission.

2023 Merit Badge Pre-Requisites	
American Cultures	Read the merit badge book. No written requirements.
Archery	Read the merit badge book. Answer questions 1a, 1b, 1c, 2a, 2b, 2c, 2e, 3a, 3b; 4(all), 5A (a and b).
Bird Study	Read the merit badge book. Answer questions 1, 2, 7, 8, 10 and 11. Having a pair of binoculars at camp would be helpful.
Canoeing	Read the merit badge book and bring it to camp.
First Aid	Read the merit badge book. Answer questions 2a, 2b, 2c, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 12a-m
Fishing	Read the merit badge book. Possession of a VT fishing license is required if you are <i>15 years of age or older.</i>
Indian Lore	Read the merit badge book and bring it to camp.
Leatherwork	Read the merit badge book. No written requirements.
Mammal Study	Read the merit badge book and bring it to camp.
Metalwork	Read the merit badge book and bring it to camp.
Nature	Read the merit badge book and bring it to camp.
Orienteering	Read the merit badge book. Answer 1, 2, 3a and 4c
Pioneering	Read the merit badge book. No written requirements
Rifle Shooting	Read the merit badge book. Answer 1 (all), 2 (option A) a-g, i, k
Shotgun Shooting	Read the merit badge book. Answer 1 (all), 2 (option A) a-f and j.
Surveying	Read the merit badge book. Answer question 6 (deed should be from your family home or a notable place in your community)

Wilderness Survival	Read the merit badge book. Answer questions 1a, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, & 12. Complete the personal survival kit (requirement #5) and bring it with you to camp for examination."
<i>Vermont Bow Hunter and Rifle Education Program</i>	<i>A separate email will be sent to those scouts that have registered for these two courses.</i>

"Questions" refer to the questions in the merit badge book/worksheets