



Pathfinding — First offered in 1911. Discontinued in 1952.

1. Demonstrate a general knowledge of the district within a three-mile radius of the local Scout Headquarters, or his house so as to be able to guide people at any time day or night to points within this area.
2. Know the population of the five principal neighboring towns and cities as selected by his Guide or Counselor. Demonstrate direction for reaching them from Scout Headquarters or his house.
3. If in the country, know the breeds of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs owned on the five neighboring farms; if in the city, demonstrate directions to tourist camp and to five places for purchasing food supplies.
4. Demonstrate how to direct tourists from his home to gas, oil, tire, and general auto repair.
5. Give telephone number, if any, and directions for reaching the nearest police station, fire-fighting apparatus, Court House or Municipal Building, the nearest Country Farm Agent's office, doctor, veterinarian and hospital.
6. Know something of the history of his community and the location of its principal places of interest and public buildings.
7. Submit a scale map, not necessarily drawn by himself, upon which he has personally indicated as much of the above-required information.

Historical Merit Badge Information on the following page.



2010 Historical Merit Badge Program

Merit badges have been a fixture of the Boy Scouts of America since its inception in 1910. The requirements that generations of boys have completed have taught lifetime citizenship lessons, personal fitness habits, and life skills. They have been the beginnings of countless careers and lifetime hobbies. In the last 99 years there have been many changes in the merit badge offerings. As society has changed, the Boy Scouts of America has adapted by revising the requirements, implementing name changes, and in some instances, eliminating some badges altogether.

For the 100th Anniversary celebration four vintage merit badges are being released for the Centennial Year only, giving Boy Scouts the hands-on opportunity to experience the exciting past of BSA.

Here are the basics of the 2010 **Historical Merit Badge** program:

- An overall goal of the program is for a majority of our registered members to earn one or more of the badges during the Centennial year.
- The merit badges closely resemble the original designs of the merit badges with the exception of the border which is a shiny gold thread that will be immediately identifiable as a **2010 Historical Merit Badge**.
- The badges offered have a history that can be traced back to the origins of the BSA.
- The badges offered are not badges that have been morphed into a current merit badge.
- The original merit badge requirements are used wherever possible.
- Adaptations can be made for special needs Scouts.
- The historic merit badges count towards a boy's rank advancement.
- Work on the badges is not to commence prior to January 1, 2010 and is to be finished no later than December 31, 2010.
- BSA will not create or reprint pamphlets for the merit badges. Instead all information is posted to a special section of the 100th Anniversary web site.
- Requirement can be found at www.scouting.org/100years
- Each unit, district, and council is encouraged to identify qualified counselors for the badges.
- Badges may be earned by individual Scouts, but districts and councils are encouraged to offer opportunities to work on at least some of these merit badges at summer camp or special Anniversary celebration