

# MERIT BADGES

Earning merit badges gives Scouts the opportunity to learn essential life skills and to gain real-world knowledge in more than 130 different areas — from American Business to Wilderness Survival. The merit badge program plays a significant role in Scouting advancement.



## WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AN EAGLE SCOUT

- Service, community engagement, and leadership development are integral parts of earning Scouting's highest rank.
- Eagle Scouts have proved their character and leadership by making a positive impact in their own life, their family, and their community.
- Being an Eagle Scout carries a significance, not only in Scouting but also as one enters higher education, business or industry, and community service.



**CHARACTER**



**FITNESS**



**CITIZENSHIP**



**LEADERSHIP**

# SCOUTING BUILDS CHARACTER AND INSTILLS VALUES FOR A LIFETIME

## ADVENTURE

Scouts BSA is an introduction to the great outdoors for boys and girls ages 11 through 17 and, most important, a lesson about their place in it.

## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Scouting builds leaders. Former Scouts serve on the boards of global corporations, walk the halls of the White House, and have been known to go hiking on the moon occasionally. Life lessons learned in Scouting will help all of its members make good decisions throughout life.

## SERVICE

The Scout slogan is Do a Good Turn Daily. That means doing something to help others each day without expecting anything in return. It implies that Scouts do their part in caring for the community and the environment.

## PERSONAL GROWTH

As Scouts plan activities and progress toward goals, they experience personal growth. Young men and women grow by participating in community service projects and by doing a Good Turn daily.

