

## 2025 Camp Cedars- Rifle Merit Badge Prerequisites

Scouts Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Week: \_\_\_\_\_ Block: \_\_\_\_\_

The following requirements will not be covered in the merit badge class to allow more time for safety and shooting requirements. A Scout may choose to complete these prerequisites before camp and either upload online or bring to camp with them, or if they choose to complete the requirements after camp they will need to find a merit badge counselor on their own to sign off on the completion of the badge.

**We strongly recommend Scouts read the Merit Badge book before class**

**1a.** Explain what a projectile is, and why any device that shoots a projectile must be handled with care and respect, and used only in approved locations.

**1e.** Give the main points of the laws for owning and using guns in your community and state

**1f.** Explain how hunting is related to the wise use of renewable wildlife resources

**1g.** Successfully complete a state hunter education course or obtain a copy of the hunting laws for your state. Then do the following:

1. Explain the main points of hunting laws in your state and give any special laws on the use of guns or ammunition

2. List the kinds of wildlife that can be legally hunted in your state.

1i. Identify and explain how you can join or be a part of shooting sports activities.

1j. Give your counselor a list of sources that you could contact for information on firearms and their use.

To complete the above requirements, you will need to research specific information relating to the state you live in. Resources for nearby states can be found below. If your state is not listed, your state's game and parks or department of natural resources website is a good place to start.

Nebraska Game and Parks: <https://outdoornebraska.gov/hunt/>

Iowa Department of Natural Resources: <https://www.iowadnr.gov/hunting>

Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks: <https://ksoutdoors.com/Hunting>

South Dakota Game, Fish, & Parks: <https://gfp.sd.gov/hunt/>

Colorado Parks & Wildlife: <https://cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo/Pages/hunt.aspx>