

# Camp Freeland Leslie Merit Badge Matrix

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## EARNING MERIT BADGES AT CAMP

Scouts can complete any requirements for the merit badges we offer before arrival at camp. **Any requirement a Scout completes before camp should be done with a merit badge counselor.** A Scout wishing take a merit badge at camp that has pre-requisites, he should follow the same procedure as if he were working on a merit badge at home. He should first get permission from his Scoutmaster to take the merit badge and acquire a signed blue card. The Scout must then find a merit badge counselor locally and work on the pre-requisites. Scouts must have any requirements completed prior to camp, signed off on a blue card. The Scout must then bring the blue card to camp if he wishes to complete that merit badge by the end of his week at camp. Merit badge worksheets completed before camp, and brought to CFL, will be reviewed extensively for **mastery** of the material in order to receive completion for the requirement. The viewpoint at CFL is that Merit Badges cannot be learned only through the use of a merit badge worksheet. Therefore we highly recommend against this practice.

Our counselors will not make a Scout re-do a requirement or complete a different option of a requirement he already has signed off. However, Scouts will be encouraged to participate in the merit badge classes even if they have completed the requirements being covered. If a Scout has started a merit badge with another counselor, all that is needed to document accomplishments is a properly filled out blue card with the previous merit badge counselor's signature by the requirements that the Scout has completed. The Scout must have this blue card at camp in order to continue building off his previous work.

The merit badge program at camp, is an integral part of the camp experience. However, merit badges are not the entire program. A Scout is encouraged to take three to five merit badges at camp. This allows time for participation in other activities.

Scouts who finish some of the requirements for a merit badge, but not all of them, will be given a "partial". He can take this partial and complete the remaining requirements with a merit badge counselor at home. Being prepared before camp, and completing prerequisites with a merit badge counselor at home, will minimize the number of partials a Scout takes home.

Some merit badges offered at camp have requirements that are either difficult or impossible to accomplish at camp. This guide informs you on which merit badges have prerequisites. Please come to camp prepared. In some cases, a Scout may not be able to take a merit badge if he has not completed the prerequisites.

## MERIT BADGE SCHEDULE

We run a 5 session per day merit badge program. Each session is 50 minutes long and meets four times during the week. There are 10 minutes between each session to allow time for a

Scout to get to his next activity. This schedule is designed to allow Scouts as much versatility as possible. Please review the schedule closely. Some merit badges meet only twice a week, and some only once. Other merit badges are two sessions long and/or require out-of-class work. To learn details about specific merit badges, please refer to each area section of this guide. **The dark shaded boxes indicate when that merit badge is NOT being offered.**

## THE 2013 CAMP FREELAND LESLIE MERIT BADGE SCHEDULE

1st Session 9:00-9:50	2nd Session 10:00-10:50	3rd Session 11:00-11:50	4th Session 2:00-2:50	5th Session 3:00-3:50
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### AQUATICS

Small-boat Sailing (12)

Lifesaving\* (20)

Rowing (16)

Canoeing (20)

Swimming\* (20)

Kayaking (13)

Instructional Swim

Mile Swim BSA

Snorkeling BSA (20)

	<b>2 &amp; 3 &lt;Class is 2 Sessions&gt;</b>		<b>4 &amp; 5 &lt;Class is 2 Sessions&gt;</b>	
<b>1 &amp; 2 &lt;Class is 2 Sessions&gt;</b>		<b>Open Boating</b>		
<b>1</b>				
<b>1 &amp; 2 &lt;Class is 2 Sessions&gt;</b>			<b>4 &amp; 5 &lt;Class is 2 Sessions&gt;</b>	
<b>1 &amp; 2 &lt;Class is 2 Sessions&gt;</b>			<b>4 &amp; 5 &lt;Class is 2 Sessions&gt;</b>	
	<b>2</b>			<b>5</b>
		<b>3</b>		
		<b>3 - MT</b>		
			<b>4</b>	

-Mile Swim BSA is a two day class only: Monday and Tuesday.

-Swimming offers two identical classes during the 4th/5th time period.

-A Scout wishing to participate in Aquatics merit badges must pass a BSA Swimmer Test.

-Class capacities are listed in parentheses.

### EAGLES NEST

Citizenship in the Nation\*  
Citizenship in the  
World

Communications\*

Emergency Preparedness\*

Personal Fitness\*

**First Class Trail**

<b>1</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	
	<b>2</b>			<b>5</b>
		<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
	<b>2</b>		<b>4</b>	
<b>1</b>				<b>5</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>		

-There is also an evening session for First Class Trail from 7:00-7:50 pm

### ECO/CON

Astronomy\*

Bird Study

Energy\*

Environmental Science

Fish/ Wildlife Management\*

<b>1</b>				<b>5</b>
<b>1</b>				
			<b>4</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
				<b>5</b>

Fishing  
Forestry  
Geology  
Insect Study\*  
Mammal Study  
Nature  
Reptile/Amphibian  
Study\*  
Soil and Water  
Conservation  
Weather

	<b>2 &amp; 3 &lt;Class is 2 Sessions&gt;</b>		<b>4</b>	
		<b>3</b>		
	<b>2</b>			
<b>*Upon Request</b>				
		<b>3</b>		
<b>1</b>			<b>4</b>	
	<b>2</b>			
		<b>3</b>		
				<b>5</b>

## NEW FRONTIERS

Archeology  
Art\*  
Basketry (\$15)  
Cinematography  
Indian Lore (\$20)  
Leatherwork (\$5)  
Metalwork (\$10)  
Painting  
Photography  
Radio  
Sculpture  
Space Exploration (\$10)  
Wood Carving (\$5)

<b>1</b>			<b>4</b>	
		<b>Th and F</b>		
	<b>M and T</b>			
<b>1</b>				<b>5</b>
	<b>2</b>			
		<b>3</b>		<b>5</b>
			<b>4 &amp; 5 &lt;Class is 2 Sessions&gt;</b>	
	<b>M and T</b>	<b>Th and F</b>		
	<b>Th and F</b>	<b>M and T</b>		
	<b>2</b>		<b>4</b>	
	<b>Th and F</b>	<b>M and T</b>		
		<b>3</b>		<b>5</b>
<b>1</b>			<b>4</b>	

## OUTDOOR SKILLS

Camping\*  
Cooking\*  
First Aid\*  
Geocaching\*  
Orienteering  
Pioneering\*  
Wilderness Survival\*

<b>1</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	
		<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>			<b>5</b>
	<b>2</b>		<b>4</b>	
<b>1</b>				
		<b>3</b>		<b>5</b>
	<b>2</b>			<b>5</b>

## SHOOTING SPORTS

Archery (\$5) (20 Scout limit)  
Fingerprinting  
Rifle Shooting (16)  
Shotgun Shooting  
(\$10)(10 Scout limit)

<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Open Shoot</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>MB Shoot</b>
			<b>Tuesday Only</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>MB Shoot</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Open Shoot</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Open Shoot</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>MB Shoot</b>	<b>Open Shoot</b>

- Time slots labeled **Open Shoot** are for anyone in camp wanting to shoot.
- Time slots labeled **MB Shoot** are additional shooting opportunities open only to Scouts taking the merit badge.
- Class capacities are listed in parentheses.

## SCHEDULE NOTES:

\*Denotes a Pre-Requisite that needs to be completed before camp. Please see this Guide or visit [www.freelandleslie.com](http://www.freelandleslie.com) for more specific information on each badge.

(\$) Is the estimated cost associated with the badge. Costs of some merit badges may vary depending on choice of a specific kit.

Due to limited resources available for certain badges, Scouts may be turned away from participating in a merit badge class, usually in the areas of Aquatics and Shooting Sports. **The maximum number of participants is listed in parentheses beside both of these program area merit badge classes.** Please register for classes early, via the online registration system, to avoid a "closed" class.

# CFL ONLINE MERIT BADGE REGISTRATION

It is mandatory for troops to register their Scouts for merit badges via the online merit badge registration program in 2013. Scouts who do not pre-register for badges before camp may show up to their desired classes the first day, but are not guaranteed a roster spot. **Scouts who wish to alter their merit badge selections while at camp may do so, subject to availability.** There are class size maximums in place for each merit badge class offered at CFL. These capacities are based on our camp resources and capabilities and will provide the safest and highest quality learning environment for each Scout.

Online Merit Badge registration will be available at [www.freelandleslie.com](http://www.freelandleslie.com) beginning on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013. Please come to one of the three February CFL Kickoff meetings to get answers to questions you may have about merit badge registration. It is recommended that one specific leader be responsible for the online registration of all Scouts in your unit in order to better coordinate and prepare each Scout's schedule. Detailed instructions are provided online in the merit badge registration program and will answer most questions.

## BLUE CARDS

It is advised that Scoutmasters pay close attention to how they and/or their Scouts complete their blue cards (**Application for Merit Badge**), prior to Scouts working on merit badges at CFL. If a merit badge card is incorrectly filled out, the CFL staff will have to issue a new card per council policy. Furthermore, if the merit badge card is filled out as completed and the Scout only earns a partial, then the CFL staff will have to fill out a new blue card. Thus, Scoutmasters who choose to print their own blue cards are asked to print them under the assumption that Scouts will obtain a partial. Units are expected to provide their Scouts with the appropriate number of blue cards.