

University of Scouting 2026

Merit Badge Prerequisites

Lifesaving Merit Badge: Requirement 2a.

Scouts should understand, going in, that this badge requires the ability to swim 400 yards in a strong and continuous manner, using the front crawl, sidestroke, breaststroke, and elementary backstroke. If a scout does not feel confident meeting that standard, enrollment would not be advisable.

American Business: Requirements 6a OR 6b.

Scouts should bring a device that they can connect to the internet with. Scouts should either print off or have an online version of the merit badge worksheet.

Cybersecurity: Requirements 1a, 4e, 5c, 6c, 8, 9

Engineering:

Scouts bring their favorite "manufactured item in your home (such as a toy or an appliance)".

Automotive Maintenance: Requirements 11 & 12

Coin Collecting: Requirements 4a, 4b, 4c, 4d, 4e, 4f, 7a, 7b, 7c

Crime Prevention: Requirements 4, 11

Scouting Heritage: Requirements 4, 5, 6 and 8

Citizenship in the Nation: Requirements 5, 6, and 7