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## 2024 Updates to Advancement

Effective January 1, 2024





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## Rank Requirements

Scout and Star will no longer use CyberChip.

- Use [Personal Safety Awareness Training](#) video modules





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## Eagle Palms

No more 3-month wait between palms

- Earn 5 additional merit badges
- Live by the Scout Oath and Law





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## Merit Badge Changes

Significant content changes in:

- First Aid – more hands-on
- Sustainability – major reorganization
- Swimming – added correct demonstration of strokes



And 11 other non-Eagle Required

The current merit badge requirements are found at <https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/>



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## Merit Badge Changes

Minor changes in:

- Camping
- Cooking



And 14 other non-Eagle Required

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## Handling Requirements Changes

### Rank Advancement – See Guide Section 4.0.0.1

Scouts BSA: [www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards](http://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards)

- Once a new or revised requirement appears on one the above page, a Scouts BSA member beginning work on the next rank (or Eagle Palm) must use the new or revised requirement as stated there.
- Changes may also be introduced in youth handbooks or various official BSA publications or releases before appearing on one of the above web pages. In this case, unless official communications set forth a different procedure or establish a date by when use of the old requirements must cease, youth members have through December 31 of that year to decide what to do. They may continue—or begin work—using the old requirements or may switch to—or begin work—using the new requirements. Scouts who choose to use the old requirements may continue using them until the rank (or Palm) has been completed. Those who have not begun work on a rank (or Palm) by December 31 of the year a change in its requirements is announced must use the new requirements.

See the Guide to Advancement at <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33088.pdf>





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### Merit Badges – See Guide Section 7.0.4.3

- Merit badge requirements, along with changes to them, can be found at the Scouting.org Merit Badges web page: [www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/merit-badges](http://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/merit-badges). Once new or revised requirements appears on that page, any Scout beginning work on a merit badge must use the requirement as stated there.
- Changes may also be introduced in a revised merit badge pamphlet, youth handbook, or other official BSA publication or release before appearing on the Merit Badges web page. In this case, unless official communications set forth a different procedure or establish a date by when use of the old requirements must cease, youth members have through December 31 of that year to decide what to do. They may continue—or begin work—using the old requirements, or they may switch to—or begin work—using the new requirements. Scouts who choose to use the old requirements may continue using them until the merit badge is completed. Scouts who have not begun work on a badge by December 31 of the year a change in its requirements is announced must use the new requirements.
- There is no time limit between starting and completing a badge, although a counselor may determine so much time has passed since any effort took place that the new requirements must be used.

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