

2008 BOY SCOUT REQUIREMENTS

The requirements for rank advancement, Eagle Palms, and merit badges are effective January 1, 2008, through December 2008.

The requirements listed in this book might not match those in the *Boy Scout Handbook* and the merit badge pamphlets because this publication is updated only on an annual basis. Any number of merit badge pamphlets may be revised throughout the year; others are simply reprinted until a revision becomes necessary.

The requirements in this book are the official requirements of the Boy Scouts of America. However, if a Scout has already started working on a merit badge when a new edition for that pamphlet is introduced, he should continue to use the same merit badge pamphlet to earn the badge. He should fulfill the requirements listed in the pamphlet he was using when he began. In other words, the Scout need not start all over again with the new pamphlet and possibly revised requirements.

THIS PRINTING INCLUDES

Rank requirement changes in the

Tenderfoot rank – 9, 12a, 12b	First Class rank – 8d, 12, 13, 14
Second Class rank – 6a, 6c, 8	Eagle Scout Rank alternate requirements

Revised merit badge requirements for

First Aid	Water Sports (formerly Waterskiing)
Metalwork	Wilderness Survival
Sculpture	

Minor merit badge requirement updated for

Backpacking (1, 3c (new), 4c (new), 6b, 6c (new), 7, 8d, 10, 11)
Hiking (7)

Revised requirements for

Leave No Trace Achievement Award (formerly Leave No Trace Awareness Award)