

The requirements for rank advancement, Eagle Palms, and merit badges are effective Jan. 1, 2014, through December 2014. The requirements listed in this book are the official requirements of the Boy Scouts of America and will remain effective for the 2014 calendar year. However, the requirements on the following pages might not match those in the *Boy Scout Handbook* and the merit badge pamphlets, because this publication is updated only on an annual basis. These merit badge requirements also appear on the BSA's official website (<http://www.scouting.org>).

If a Scout has already started working on a merit badge when a new edition of the pamphlet is introduced, *he may continue to use the same merit badge pamphlet and fulfill the requirements therein to earn the badge.* He need not start over again with the new pamphlet and possibly revised requirements.

No council, district, unit, or individual has the authority to add to, or to subtract from, any advancement requirements. For more detailed information, see the *Guide to Advancement*.

### **Sustainability Merit Badge Now an Eagle-Required Option**

Those working toward the Eagle Scout rank may choose to earn either the Sustainability merit badge OR the Environmental Science merit badge. Earning one or the other merit badge will be required. Scouts who have already earned Environmental Science may also earn Sustainability, but only one of the two merit badges will count as "Eagle-required." The other may count as an elective merit badge necessary to reach the total of 21 required merit badges.

### **Cooking Merit Badge Now Required for Eagle**

The Cooking merit badge is now required to obtain the Eagle Scout rank. Regardless of when a Scout earned the Life rank or began working toward Eagle, unless he fulfilled all the rank requirements—with the exception of his board of review—before Jan. 1, 2014, he must earn the Cooking merit badge to become an Eagle Scout.

### **THIS PRINTING INCLUDES**

#### **Rank Requirement Changes**

Eagle—See requirements 3 and 4.

#### **New Merit Badges**

Digital Technology\* (replaces Computers)  
Game Design  
Moviemaking (replaces Cinematography)  
Programming  
Sustainability (now an option with Environmental Science for the Eagle Scout rank)

#### **Revised Merit Badge Requirements**

Cooking\*  
Cycling (added mountain biking as an option)  
Entrepreneurship  
Rowing

#### **Minor Merit Badge Requirement**

##### **Updates**

American Heritage (3c)  
Archaeology (1, 2, 7a, 7b)  
Archery (2d; 3a; 3c; 4d; Recurve Bow or Longbow option A—5c, 5e, 5f1, 5f2, 5f3; Compound Bow option B—5c, 5d, 5f1, 5f2, 5f3)

Art (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)  
Aviation (1e, 2c; deleted 2e; 4b)  
Communication (5, 8)  
Composite Materials (2b)  
Disabilities Awareness (2, 3a, 3b, 3d)  
Electricity (8)  
Fishing (9)  
Horsemanship (3, 11)  
Indian Lore (4e)  
Leatherwork (1)  
Moviemaking (1, 2a, 4)  
Nature (4b1)  
Pets (3)  
Pioneering (1, 10)  
Plant Science (3, 4; 8; Agronomy option—E3)  
Pulp and Paper (2, 3)  
Railroading (2b, 7b)  
Safety (7)  
Salesmanship (5a)  
Scouting Heritage (4c)  
Search and Rescue (5)  
Shotgun Shooting (Modern Shotgun Type option A—2e, 2k; Muzzleloading Type option B—2c, 2d, 2g, 2h, 2k, 2l, 2n)  
Space Exploration (1, 5a, 5c, 6a, 7)  
Weather (7, 8)

\*During 2014, a Scout may continue—or begin work—using the old Cooking or Computers merit badge requirements and the old pamphlets. Otherwise, he may switch to—or begin work—using the new requirements as stated in the 2014 *Boy Scout Requirements* book for Cooking or Digital Technology (which replaces Computers) and the new merit badge pamphlets. If a Scout chooses to use the old merit badge requirements and pamphlets, he may continue using them until he has completed the badges. See *Guide to Advancement* topic 7.0.4.3.