

Historical Merit Badges

BSA has announced a special program in honor of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the BSA, which includes the reintroduction, for 2010 only, of four Historical Merit Badges -

The following 4 Historical Merit Badges can be earned only during calendar year 2010, in honor of the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America.



Carpentry

Signaling

Tracking

Pathfinding

The basics of the 2010 Historical Merit Badge program include:

- An overall goal of the program is for a majority of the BSA's registered Boy Scouts to earn one or more of the merit badges during the centennial year, 2010.
- The badges offered have a history that can be traced back to the origins of the BSA.
- The original requirements are being used, as well as supported by scanned pages of the early merit badge pamphlets so a Scout can view what a Scout 100 years ago used. Supporting the scanned pages of the original pamphlets are information guides for each merit badge that explain what a Scout of 1910 might have experienced, along with background information to assist a Scout in understanding what maybe unfamiliar terms.
- The contemporary merit badges closely resemble the original designs of their counterparts with the exception of the border, which is gold. The unique border will immediately identify it as a 2010 historic merit badge.
- The four historical merit badges may be used toward a Scout's rank advancement.
- The effective date for earning these new merit badges is April 1, 2010, and requirements must be completed no later than Dec. 31, 2010..
- The BSA will not reprint the pamphlets for these merit badges. Reprints of the original merit badge pamphlets are posted to <http://www.scouting.org/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/MeritBadges>.
- As with all merit badges, units, districts, and councils should recruit and register qualified counselors for these badges.

Badges may be earned by individual Scouts. District and council advancement committees are encouraged to offer opportunities for Scouts to work on at least some of these merit badges at resident camp, at camporees, or during special anniversary celebrations. See the "how to" sections for additional support at <http://www.scouting.org/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/MeritBadges.aspx>