



Recommend Merit Schedule

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The advancement trails for Discovery Rangers (grades 3–5), Adventure Rangers (grades 6–8), and Expedition Rangers (grades 9–12) are largely based on the completion of a specified number of skill merits. Groups may choose from a list of over 200 merits currently available. However, some merits require special facilities, gear, or expertise to teach effectively. In order to assist you in identifying merits that may be most suitable for new groups, we recommend the following skills in each age group.

The lists below represent the popular merits that typically require little or no previous experience in that subject area and require facilities and gear commonly available in most churches. General information on merits as well as specific requirements for each merit can be found on our [Merits Homepage](#). Merits indicated as “required” are those that must be earned in order to complete the advancement trail for that age group. Details on the advancement system for each age group can be found on the [Advancement Page](#).

RECOMMENDED MERITS FOR DISCOVERY RANGERS

Quarter	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
<i>Fall</i>	Weather	First Aid Skills*	Wildlife
<i>Winter</i>	Models & Design	Art	Hobby
<i>Spring</i>	Tool Craft	Safety	Cooking
<i>Summer</i>	Bible Knowledge (blue)*	BGMC	Global Missions (blue)*
<i>Other</i>	Family Life	Church	104
<i>Leadership</i>	101	102	103

RECOMMENDED MERITS FOR ADVENTURE RANGERS

Quarter	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
<i>Fall</i>	Emergency Prep.	Healthy Body*	Computers
<i>Winter</i>	Carpentry	Home Repair	Puppeteer
<i>Spring</i>	Camping	Camp Safety	Fire Safety
<i>Summer</i>	Bible Knowledge (green)*	Christian Missions	Global Missions (green)*
<i>Other</i>	Bachelor	Home Safety	204
<i>Leadership</i>	201	202	203

RECOMMENDED MERITS FOR EXPEDITION RANGERS

Quarter	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
<i>Fall</i>	Cinematography	Public Health	Citizenship*
<i>Winter</i>	Plumbing	Woodworking	Winter Camping
<i>Spring</i>	Wilderness Survival	Budget & Finance*	Auto Mechanics
<i>Summer</i>	Bible Doctrines*	Speed the Light	World Missions
<i>Other</i>	Fine Arts Festival	American Cultures	304
<i>Leadership</i>	301	302	303

Note that this schedule features some significant characteristics:

- One of the three required merits* for each age group is featured each year, which meets the requirements for each group's annual awards.
- Merits featured in summer quarters are similar between groups, allowing for the possibility of combining groups during the summer months when attendance may be lower.
- Merits featured during the winter quarters involve activities suitable for indoors, while those featured in the spring often involve outdoor activity.

WHAT ABOUT RANGER KIDS?

The advancement trail for Ranger Kids (grades K–2) does not include the completion of merits. It includes “achievement awards,” which are similar to merits but much simpler to be more suitable for younger boys. Information on achievement awards can be found in the Ranger Kids curriculum on [TRaCclub](#).



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