BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
MERIT BADGE SERIES

GOLF

“Enhancing our youths’ competitive edge through merit badges”

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Requirements

Always check www.scouting.org for the latest requirements.

1. Discuss safety on the golf course. Show that you know first aid for injuries or illnesses that could occur while golfing, including lightning strike, heat reactions, dehydration, blisters, sprains, and strains.

2. Study the USGA “Rules of Golf” now in use.
   a. Tell about the three categories of golf etiquette.
   b. Demonstrate that you understand the definitions of golf terms.
   c. Show that you understand the “Rules of Amateur Status.”

3. Tell about your understanding of the World Handicap System.

4. Do the following:
   a. Tell about the early history of golf.
   b. Describe golf’s early years in the United States.
   c. Tell about the accomplishments of a top golfer of your choice.

5. Discuss with your counselor vocational opportunities related to golf.

6. Do the following:
   a. Tell how golf can contribute to a healthy lifestyle, mentally and physically.
   b. Tell how a golf exercise plan can help you play better. Show two exercises that would help improve your game.
7. Show the following:
   a. The proper grip, stance, posture, and key fundamentals of a good swing
   b. Driver played from a tee
   c. The fairway wood shot
   d. The long iron shot
   e. The short iron shot
   f. The approach, chip-and-run, and pitch shots
   g. A recovery shot from a bunker or heavy rough
   h. A sound putting stroke

8. Play a minimum of two nine-hole rounds or one 18-hole round of golf with another golfer about your age and with your counselor, or an adult approved by your counselor. Do the following:
   a. Follow the “Rules of Golf.”
   b. Practice good golf etiquette.
   c. Show respect to fellow golfers, committee, sponsor, and gallery.
Golf Resources

Scouting Literature

*Athletics, First Aid, Personal Fitness, and Sports* merit badge pamphlets

With your parent's permission, visit the Boy Scouts of America's official retail website, www.scoutshop.org, for a complete listing of all merit badge pamphlets and other helpful Scouting materials and supplies.

Books


Rotella, Dr. Bob, with Bob Cullen. *Golf is a Game of Confidence*. Simon & Schuster Adult Publishing Group, 1996.


**Organizations and Websites**

**American Junior Golf Association**
1980 Sports Club Drive
Braselton, GA 30517
www.ajga.org

**College Golf Camps**
8117 Preston Road, Suite 300
Dallas, TX 75225
collegegolfcamps.com/

**The First Tee**
www.thefirsttee.org

**Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA)**
1421 Research Park Dr.
Lawrence, KS 66049
GCSAA.org

**Golf Digest** and **Golf World**
www.golfdigest.com

**Golf Magazine**
www.golf.com

**Golfweek**
www.golfweek.com

**Ladies Professional Golf Association**
100 International Golf Drive
Daytona Beach, FL 32124-1092
www.lpga.com

**PING American College Golf Guide**
www.collegegolf.com

**Professional Golfers’ Association of America**
Box 109601
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418
www.pga.com

**Professional Golfers’ Association Tour**
100 PGA Tour Blvd.
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082
www.pgatour.com

**Safety Tips: Golf (for Teens) — Nemours KidsHealth**
kidshealth.org/teens/safety-golf

**U.S. Golf Association**
P.O. Box 746
Far Hills, NJ 07931-0746
www.usga.org

**U.S. Kids Golf**
3040 Northwoods Parkway
Norcross, GA 30071
www.uskidsgolf.com

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1010 B St., Suite 450
San Rafael, CA 94901
www.ussportscamps.com