

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN 2014

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Boy Scout Motto: Be Prepared

Merit Badge	Brief Description	Merit Badges Earned in 2013	Merit Badges Earned 1911-2013
First Aid	Earning the First Aid merit badge prepares Scouts to provide immediate care and help to someone who is injured or becomes ill.	87,477	6,900,983
Lifesaving	Earning the Lifesaving merit badge prepares Scouts to assist those involved in water accidents; Scouts learn the basics of rescue techniques, the skills to perform them, and the judgment to know when and how to act so that they can be prepared for emergencies.	25,945	3,012,934
Safety	Earning the Safety merit badge teaches Scouts to make the right choices to avoid accidents in their everyday activities. They learn the best actions to take and to respond appropriately during an emergency situation.	4,349	2,931,236
Fire Safety	Earning the Fire Safety merit badge teaches Scouts to use fire safely and responsibly, including how to prevent home fires and camp safely.	12,988	2,595,257
Emergency Preparedness	Earning the Emergency Preparedness merit badge teaches Scouts the actions that can be helpful and needed before, during, and after an emergency.	50,153	1,791,260
Total Earned		180,912	17,231,670

Source: Boy Scouts of America, Local Council Index, 2013

♣ Five of the 133 current Boy Scout merit badges address general public safety and emergency preparedness. Since 1911, 17,231,670 of these five badges have been earned by young Americans.

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