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This link is provided to give a Scout or Scouter a good overview of the BSA Merit Badge program from BSA National.

<http://www.scouting.org/Home/GuideToAdvancement/TheMeritBadgeProgram.aspx>

BSA Merit Badges

This link is provided to give a Scout or Scouter easy access to a complete listing of current merit badges and their requirements from BSA National.

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/MeritBadges.aspx>

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Scouts interested in earning a BSA Merit Badge need to ***be prepared***. This means they should review the two BSA National links above to be completely familiar with the BSA Merit Badge Program and the BSA Merit Badge requirements for their selected merit badge.

On the day of the merit badge program each Scout should have a copy of the merit badge book with them. They should be prepared to discuss, explain and engage in program topic discussions to meet the BSA National requirements. If something is required to be written, it should be done prior to the program so it can be evaluated and discussed with the Merit Badge Counselor. Additionally, Scouts should have several of the BSA 10 essentials with them. Something to drink, snack, and be ready to go outside if the Counselor decides to.

What uniform to wear is up to the Scout's Unit. Regardless of Unit policy JMDC is a family facility and we ask that clothing be family friendly. Rugged closed toe footwear is strongly recommended and in some cases may be required.

Section 7.0.4.11 in the link under **BSA Merit Badge Program** addresses prerequisites.

BIRD STUDIES MERIT BADGE

REQUIREMENTS

On the day of the program, the Scout must be prepared to discuss the requirements from the merit badge booklet. To assist the Scout helpful discussion notes should be made and pages can be bookmarked in the merit badge booklet. All Scouts must engage in the program discussions to complete the merit badge.

Requirements are listed in the front of the merit badge booklet or open the link above under **BSA Merit Badges**, scroll down and choose your merit badge. Bring a copy of the merit badge booklet to the program along with a pen or pencil, discussion notes, blank paper for taking additional notes, and additional program requirements.

Scouts must bring a pair of binoculars, a bird field guide and a field notebook to the program.

Complete the following requirements.

- Requirement #1 – Discussion during program
- Requirement #2 – Be able to recognize 15 parts of a bird
- Requirement #3 a, b, and c – Discussion in program
- Requirement #4 a – g – Be prepared to demonstrate during the program
- Requirement #5 a, b, c, and d - Bring your notebook to the program.
- Requirement #6 – Demonstrate your knowledge during the program.
- Requirement #7 a, or b - #7a will be completed during the program.
- Requirement #8 a, b, or c - Bring proof of completion to the program.

To get the most out of the merit badge program you need to ***be prepared***. You and the others in the program will get the most benefit if you are all prepared!