

# Moviemaking

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Resources include the Moviemaking merit badge worksheet , links, and cross-references to related badges and awards. [◀Prev](#) - [Next▶](#)



BSA announced in October, 2013, that the "Cinematography" merit badge has been renamed "Moviemaking" to better describe the purpose and intent of the badge. Although BSA changed the ID number from 126 to 156, the requirements are so similar to those for Cinematography, that Scouts should NOT earn this badge if they have already earned the Cinematography badge.



**Moviemaking** merit badge requires prior counselor approval for requirement(s) #3a.

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“ Moviemaking includes the fundamentals of producing motion pictures, including the use of effective light, accurate focus, careful composition (or arrangement), and appropriate camera movement to tell stories. In earning the badge, Scouts will also learn to develop a story and describe other pre- and post-production processes necessary for making a quality motion picture. ”

## Moviemaking (formerly Cinematography) merit badge




<b>Status:</b>	Elective
<b>Created:</b>	1990
<b>Discontinued:</b>	no
<b>BSA Advancement ID:</b>	156
<b>Requirements revision:</b>	2013
<b>Latest pamphlet revision:</b>	2013



# Moviemaking merit badge requirements

1. Discuss and demonstrate the proper elements of a good motion picture. In your discussion, include visual storytelling, rhythm, the 180-axis rule, camera movement, framing and composition of camera shots, and lens selection.
2. Do the following:
  - a. In a three- or four-paragraph treatment, tell the story you plan to produce, making sure that the treatment conveys a visual picture.
  - b. Prepare a storyboard for your motion picture (This can be done with rough sketches and stick figures.)
  - c. Demonstrate the following motion picture shooting techniques.
    1. Using a tripod
    2. Panning a camera
    3. Framing a shot
    4. Selecting an angle
    5. Selecting proper lighting
    6. Hand-held shooting
  - d. Using motion picture techniques, plan ONE of the following programs. Start with a treatment, and complete the requirement by presenting this program to a pack or your troop, patrol, or class.
    1. Film or videotape a court of honor and show it to an audience.
    2. Create a short feature of your own design using the techniques you learned.
    3. Shoot a vignette that could be used to train a new Scout in a Scouting skill.
3. Do ONE of the following:
  - a. With your parent's permission and your counselor's approval, visit a film set or a television production studio and watch how production work is done.
  - b. Explain to your counselor the elements of the zoom lens and three important parts.
4. Find out about three career opportunities in moviemaking. Pick one and find out about the education, training, and experience required for this profession. Discuss this career with your counselor. Explain why this profession might interest you.



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***Boy Scout Requirements*, 2019 Edition (BSA Supply SKU #641568**  
(<https://www.scoutshop.org/nsearch/?q=641568>)  
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View the change list (history) (<http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php?title=Template:Moviemaking/req&action=history>) of these requirements. The text of these requirements may be locked. In that case, they can only be edited (<http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php?title=Template:Moviemaking/req&action=edit>) by an administrator.

**Please note any errors found in the above requirements on this article's Talk Page.**

# Notes



**A FREE workbook for Moviemaking is available here!**



*with the maps, charts, links, diagrams, and checklists you need!*

*Or click here to print just the Moviemaking requirements  
([http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php?  
title=Template:Moviemaking/req&printable=yes](http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php?title=Template:Moviemaking/req&printable=yes)) .*

meritbadge.org has PDF and DOC versions of Boy Scout merit badge workbooks, Webelos workbooks, Cub Scout workbooks, and Nova Award workbooks.

- Per the BSA: "You should read the merit badge pamphlet on the subject." Pamphlets (books) are at local Scout Shops (<http://www.scoutshop.org/storelocator>) and online at ScoutShop.org (<http://www.scoutshop.org/books/for-scouts/merit-badge-pamphlets.html>) .
- "Get a signed Merit Badge application from your Scoutmaster." An online, printable Word doc file version is available.

1. Eagle Scout Stephen Spielberg helped develop Cinematography.
2. Moviemaking is a rare merit badge!

## Requirement resources

1:180 Degree Axis Rule and Coverage (<http://www.solutioneers.net/cinema/axis.htm>)

Kodak's Glossary of Film / Video Terms

([http://motion.kodak.com/motion/Education/Film\\_Video\\_Glossary/index.htm](http://motion.kodak.com/motion/Education/Film_Video_Glossary/index.htm))

Types of Lenses (<http://www.elementsofcinema.com/cinematography/type-of-lenses.html>)

2. Working with Cinematic Techniques

([http://schools.dcsd.k12.nv.us/pw1/class/KERB/documents/L4\\_U2\\_activity2\\_15\\_SE.pdf](http://schools.dcsd.k12.nv.us/pw1/class/KERB/documents/L4_U2_activity2_15_SE.pdf)) An activity from College Board

How to Write a Movie Script ([http://www.expertvillage.com/video-series/2794\\_movie-script.htm](http://www.expertvillage.com/video-series/2794_movie-script.htm))

How To Make & Edit Videos ([http://www.expertvillage.com/video-series/1999\\_videos.htm](http://www.expertvillage.com/video-series/1999_videos.htm))

Editing2 ([http://www.expertvillage.com/video-series/761\\_video-editing.htm](http://www.expertvillage.com/video-series/761_video-editing.htm))

Making a Film ([http://www.expertvillage.com/video-series/217\\_indie-film-making-video.htm](http://www.expertvillage.com/video-series/217_indie-film-making-video.htm))

2b. How to Prepare a Storyboard (<http://accad.osu.edu/womenandtech/Storyboard%20Resource/>)

2d. Court of Honor

3b. How a Zoom Lens Works ([http://www.schneiderkreuznach.com/knowhow/zoom\\_e.htm](http://www.schneiderkreuznach.com/knowhow/zoom_e.htm)) - Text and graphic explanation

What's Inside a Zoom Lens (<http://www.adaptall-2.org/articles/InsideZoomLens/InsideZoomLens.html>)  
How Does a Zoom Lens Work? (<http://www.madsci.org/posts/archives/2003-11/1069817936.Cs.r.html>)

4. Motion Picture and Film Industries (<http://www.bls.gov/oco/cg/cgs038.htm>) Information from the Bureau of Labor Statistics

## Related awards

### Art-related awards

- Boy Scout Merit Badges: Architecture - Art - Basketry - Bugling - Graphic Arts - Indian Lore - Leatherwork - Metalwork - Model Design and Building - **Moviemaking** - Music - Photography - Pottery - Sculpture - Theater- Wood Carving - Woodwork
- Venturer: Outdoor Living History (Ranger Award elective)
- Webelos/Arrow of Light Adventures: Art Explosion - Maestro! - Moviemaking

## See also

### General Merit Badge information

- An Introduction to Merit Badges – how to get started, who chooses the counselor, etc.
- Merit Badge revision dates – latest revision dates of each merit badge pamphlet.
- Merit Badge Worksheets & Requirements – with the revision dates, diagrams, charts, checklists, logs, and links you need.
- Merit Badge Application – offers online resources to let you print "Blue Cards," etc.
- Merit Badge FAQ – answers dozens of questions like: Who can be a counselor? Can requirements be added or removed?
- Merit Badges Requiring Prior Approval – Certain requirements need prior approval. Most do not. Here is the list.
- Also see: List of how many boys have earned each Merit Badge – Merit Badge policies – Merit badges required for the Eagle Scout rank – Merit Badge Days
- Additionally: List of Merit Badges by Field of Study – Merit Badge Pamphlets & Libraries
- Merit Badge Counselors must complete Youth Protection Training, file an Adult Application (and Merit Badge Counselor Information Form); and be approved by the local council. (See the Guide for Merit Badge Counselors for additional details.)
- See Submitting New Merit Badge Ideas for guidance on how to submit suggestions for new merit badges to BSA.



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*Venturing portal*



*Sea Scout portal*

## External links

- Cinematography Mailing List (<http://www.cinematography.net/>) - includes discussion archives on many techniques
- American Society of Cinematographers (<http://www.theasc.com/>)
- The Internet Movie Database (<http://www.imdb.com/>)
- Filmmaking (<http://en.wikiversity.org/wiki/Filmmaking>)

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