

Merit Badge	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
American Business	685	667	707	679	805	650
American Cultures	2,710	2,353	2,965	2,883	2,649	2,174
American Heritage	5,625	5,853	6,645	6,626	6,195	5,333
American Labor	822	739	1,168	811	1,090	992
Animal Science	3,444	3,591	3,759	4,503	4,174	4,042
Archaeology	7,821	7,939	9,586	10,316	8,913	8,652
Archery	46,579	45,039	45,204	48,229	43,879	43,238
Architecture	2,691	2,840	3,586	3,631	3,956	4,019
Art	31,034	28,707	32,146	29,273	28,031	25,438
Astronomy	10,384	10,048	14,941	17,308	16,332	15,758
Athletics	3,779	3,728	3,411	3,465	3,709	3,241
Automotive Maintenance	9,181	9,520	10,762	10,784	10,084	9,763
Aviation	20,787	21,173	21,440	20,751	18,330	17,522
Backpacking	5,003	4,377	4,445	4,878	4,114	4,169
Basketry	27,179	23,899	23,505	22,073	19,364	17,531
Bird Study	6,268	6,668	6,881	6,952	6,405	5,641
Bugling	662	844	628	613	515	606
Camping*	62,774	62,174	62,492	60,772	58,982	54,265
Canoeing	41,918	40,160	41,601	39,042	33,409	31,833
Chemistry	8,248	8,661	9,569	9,692	10,731	10,594
Chess	0	0	6,002	29,298	27,315	25,266
Cinematography	6,819	6,529	7,245	8,308	8,465	4,026
Citizenship in the Community*	59,203	58,891	57,785	57,951	56,928	51,728
Citizenship in the Nation*	64,847	64,683	64,558	64,120	61,272	56,490
Citizenship in the World*	68,075	67,483	67,779	67,486	64,452	61,303
Climbing	25,192	23,698	24,617	24,609	22,861	23,200
Coin Collecting	7,023	6,785	7,052	6,043	5,667	5,303
Collections	5,614	6,090	5,027	5,077	4,966	4,295
Communication*	62,153	59,462	60,749	59,345	57,111	54,081
Composite Materials	1,380	1,603	1,817	1,610	1,817	1,614
Computers	15,166	14,474	14,712	14,474	15,149	12,973
Cooking*	24,496	23,548	23,989	23,384	44,903	99,908
Crime Prevention	6,981	8,049	8,374	8,331	7,274	6,917
Cycling**	7,736	7,533	6,992	7,053	6,551	6,268
Dentistry	5,231	5,506	4,491	4,403	4,213	3,416
Digital Technology	0	0	0	0	0	3,014
Disabilities Awareness	6,100	7,362	7,503	7,230	6,690	6,204
Dog Care	3,373	3,455	3,407	3,330	3,351	2,955
Drafting	1,514	1,516	1,170	1,377	1,440	1,318
Electricity	11,585	10,419	11,187	11,350	10,968	10,460
Electronics	7,112	7,452	7,186	8,060	8,753	8,860
Emergency Preparedness***	50,707	49,945	50,510	51,035	50,153	46,069
Energy	3,427	3,203	3,641	3,907	3,989	3,669
Engineering	7,361	9,459	9,418	9,682	10,445	11,624
Entrepreneurship	1,609	1,582	1,895	1,932	1,900	2,496
Environmental Science****	77,285	74,836	78,719	76,238	71,609	67,218
Family Life*	58,568	58,767	55,812	56,210	55,080	49,516
Farm Mechanics	2,625	2,387	2,627	2,457	2,421	2,486
Fingerprinting	46,808	46,395	53,189	46,594	45,140	43,820
Fire Safety	17,784	15,483	16,886	14,517	12,988	12,395
First Aid*	91,334	89,694	94,268	92,312	87,477	80,917
Fish & Wildlife Management	16,971	14,825	16,162	15,528	13,411	13,749
Fishing	28,692	29,806	32,048	31,932	29,788	28,119
Fly Fishing	634	475	4,605	4,291	4,690	4,537
Forestry	16,843	14,906	16,456	16,309	14,874	14,465
Game Design	0	0	0	0	2,657	11,853
Gardening	2,576	2,403	2,422	2,258	1,972	1,641
Genealogy	5,674	6,386	5,452	5,641	5,740	5,474
Geocaching	0	4,533	19,419	18,711	17,031	16,785
Geology	23,640	21,798	23,695	24,015	22,103	21,282
Golf	7,623	7,236	5,798	5,128	4,921	3,955
Graphic Arts	2,982	3,093	3,620	3,505	3,140	3,189
Hiking**	8,074	7,658	7,946	8,132	7,856	7,344
Home Repairs	5,165	4,572	4,324	4,413	3,790	3,866
Horsemanship	13,106	13,230	13,814	12,670	10,977	11,905
Indian Lore	31,293	28,530	28,591	26,705	24,535	22,997
Insect Study	2,582	3,502	3,579	4,120	3,613	3,164
Inventing	0	616	2,279	2,592	2,704	2,902
Journalism	1,285	1,191	1,285	1,184	945	955
Kayaking	0	0	0	21,765	36,217	35,533

Landscape Architecture	1,335	1,414	1,475	1,618	1,872	1,496
Law	7,044	7,333	7,315	7,274	6,946	5,463
Leatherwork	53,896	50,028	51,535	48,674	44,344	42,565
Lifesaving***	28,483	27,739	29,382	28,228	25,945	24,474
Mammal Study	31,245	28,728	31,028	28,309	24,064	24,060
Medicine	4,513	4,547	4,480	4,507	3,990	3,725
Metalwork	12,272	11,597	12,790	13,674	13,259	12,949
Mining in Society	0	0	0	0	0	3,519
Model Design and Building	2,586	2,123	2,964	3,120	3,628	2,612
Motor Boating	12,985	12,578	12,133	12,004	11,012	10,748
Moviemaking	0	0	0	0	0	6,195
Music	17,565	16,623	15,875	15,088	14,223	12,903
Nature	18,404	16,773	18,453	18,114	16,164	15,046
Nuclear Science	5,881	5,908	6,965	7,114	7,666	6,657
Oceanography	10,202	11,098	10,720	10,636	10,769	9,991
Orienteering	20,723	18,328	20,221	18,989	16,909	16,871
Painting	4,696	4,217	5,087	5,412	4,911	4,346
Personal Fitness*	58,461	58,988	56,588	56,908	56,295	50,693
Personal Management*	56,330	56,793	53,459	54,529	53,273	48,299
Pets	6,900	6,346	6,068	5,904	5,659	4,821
Photography	17,543	17,479	18,042	18,879	17,800	17,804
Pioneering	22,596	21,008	23,138	21,550	19,525	18,117
Plant Science	1,779	1,797	2,614	2,593	2,712	2,680
Plumbing	7,055	6,233	6,417	5,785	5,178	4,982
Pottery	9,885	8,937	10,493	10,157	9,869	9,050
Programming	0	0	0	0	480	2,970
Public Health	1,928	1,958	1,989	1,783	2,006	1,821
Public Speaking	6,940	6,671	6,703	6,987	7,289	7,091
Pulp and Paper	4,933	5,549	6,449	7,495	7,034	6,250
Radio	7,190	6,994	6,257	6,957	7,208	6,665
Railroading	7,484	8,868	9,144	8,681	7,191	6,694
Reading	7,183	6,590	5,889	5,676	5,216	4,712
Reptile and Amphibian Study	9,902	9,797	9,816	9,772	8,483	7,547
Rifle Shooting	51,562	50,801	54,276	50,435	47,054	45,839
Robotics	0	0	5,407	13,262	13,401	13,708
Rowing	16,878	14,948	15,906	13,769	10,944	10,557
Safety	4,304	4,088	4,128	3,824	4,349	3,778
Salesmanship	5,704	6,286	6,765	6,425	6,438	6,648
Scholarship	7,194	7,034	6,570	6,310	5,956	5,362
Scouting Heritage	0	3,814	6,407	5,394	5,660	5,572
Scuba Diving	130	2,962	3,015	2,594	2,370	1,989
Sculpture	10,372	10,750	13,074	12,829	11,493	9,887
Search and Rescue	0	0	0	725	10,552	12,359
Shotgun Shooting	25,086	24,978	27,838	26,173	24,603	23,970
Skating	3,360	3,119	3,208	2,220	2,406	2,010
Small Boat Sailing	19,145	18,471	19,895	18,740	16,857	16,511
Snow Sports	11,326	11,394	10,586	8,636	9,134	8,227
Soil and Water Conservation	15,546	15,298	15,554	14,553	11,697	11,296
Space Exploration	21,977	22,914	23,595	23,557	23,290	22,625
Sports	10,444	9,550	9,167	9,112	8,950	8,032
Stamp Collecting	1,087	1,434	1,147	1,045	1,131	863
Surveying	1,595	1,539	1,145	1,235	1,307	1,065
Sustainability ****	0	0	0	0	590	5,428
Swimming**	76,807	78,825	80,938	80,376	72,946	72,503
Textile	2,641	2,232	3,657	4,681	4,673	3,694
Theater	2,290	2,174	2,201	2,776	2,320	2,273
Traffic Safety	7,745	7,148	8,665	7,450	7,582	7,088
Truck Transportation	3,291	2,960	3,009	2,928	2,847	2,182
Veterinary Medicine	3,018	3,855	3,502	3,460	3,455	2,875
Water Sports	5,135	4,891	4,783	4,291	3,935	3,594
Weather	17,927	16,345	18,582	17,869	15,958	15,846
Welding	0	0	0	4,022	10,919	11,061
Whitewater	3,993	3,372	4,322	4,149	3,252	3,565
Wilderness Survival	44,632	41,627	46,757	46,829	43,158	40,395
Wood Carving	48,489	45,121	45,645	44,927	41,120	38,749
Woodwork	5,217	5,866	5,590	4,962	5,602	5,198