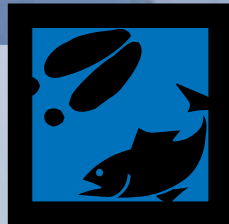


BE THE FIRST TO EARN THE NWTF CONSERVATION CHALLENGE BADGE



All Boy Scouts have the opportunity to earn the NWTF Conservation Challenge Badge, but must be committed to reaching a high level of proficiency in outdoor skills to do it. Each scout must complete four core requirements:



Fish & Wildlife
Management Merit Badge



Rifle Shooting
Merit Badge



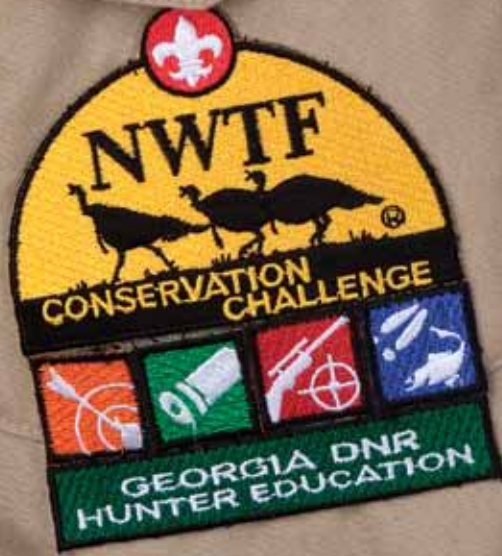
Shotgun Shooting
Merit Badge



Archery
Merit Badge

Candidates must also complete a hunter safety session and test.

The NWTF Conservation Challenge Badge



The NWTF is calling on America's Boy Scouts to prove their proficiency in wildlife management, recreational shooting and hunting knowledge. The NWTF Conservation Challenge Badge is a five-part process where Scouts receive a piece of the badge at the completion of each step: archery, shotgun shooting, rifle shooting, fish and wildlife management, and their state's hunter education certification. And just like every other Boy Scout merit badge, it has to be earned. We're not talking simple multiple-choice tests here. It's about elbow grease and skill mastery. It's about creating young hunters and conservationists.

Challenge: It's in the badge's name, so it won't be easy. Who's up for it?



A Conservation Challenge rocker tops off the six-piece badge. Scouts receive the rocker when they earn any one part of the badge.

For the **FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT MERIT BADGE**, Scouts:

- discover the purpose of fish and wildlife conser-

vation and management.

- research the problems that threaten wildlife in his state and what wildlife managers are doing about them.
- realize what everyday people can do to help with the conservation effort.
- choose from projects that cover wildlife habitat improvement, wildlife observation and fish studies.
- learn about careers in wildlife management.



For the **RIFLE SHOOTING MERIT BADGE**, Scouts:

- learn about firearm safety, the importance of wearing eye and hearing protection when shooting, gun ownership laws, hunting laws and how hunting is related to the wise use of renewable wildlife resources.
- demonstrate proficiency in safely handling, shooting and cleaning a modern rifle, air rifle or muzzle-loading rifle.



For the **SHOTGUN SHOOTING MERIT BADGE**, Scouts:

- learn about firearm safety, the importance of wearing eye and hearing protection when shooting, gun ownership laws, hunting laws and how hunting is related to the wise use of renewable wildlife resources.



- demonstrate proficiency in safely handling, shooting and cleaning a modern shotgun or muzzle-loading shotgun.

For the **ARCHERY MERIT BADGE**, Scouts:

- learn about range safety and his state's laws on owning and using archery tackle.
- identify types of arrows and the various parts of arrows.
- make a complete arrow from a bare shaft, as well as a bowstring.
- will be able to explain various aspects of archery equipment and how competitive archery is scored.
- demonstrate proficiency in shooting either a recurve bow, longbow or compound bow.



Scouts must pass their state's hunter education test to earn this portion of the badge. 🎯



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