



The following Ranger Award requirements can be completed before a young man is in Venturing, either as a Boy Scout, Varsity Scout or non Scout:

RANGER

Core Requirement #1- First Aid

- Complete a standard first aid course
- Complete the American Red Cross *When Help is Delayed* module or equivalent

Core Requirement #2 – Communications

- Take a communications-related class that includes at least 15 hours of training. This could be a non-required course at school such as creative writing, technical writing, American Sign Language, or film production.

Elective Requirement – First Aid

- Complete a 25-hour emergency first aid course
- Complete a 45-hour emergency response course
- Complete an EMT Basic course offered through a local hospital or college

Elective Requirement – Hunting

- Complete a hunter education course offered by your state wildlife/conservation agency
- Complete a bowhunter education course offered by your state of the National Bow Hunter Education Foundation
- Complete a National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association Rifle Basic course

Elective Requirement – Lifesaver

- Complete the BSA Lifeguard certification
- Earn the American Red Cross Lifeguard Training certificate

Elective Requirement – Mountaineering

- **Attend a two-day rock climbing clinic/course led by a qualified climbing instructor**

Elective Requirement – Project COPE

- **Complete a BSA Project COPE course including both low and high initiatives**
- **Attend BSA camp school and successfully complete the COPE director's course**
- **Complete a hands-on outdoor education course through a college or university of at least 80 hours**

Elective Requirement – Scuba

- **Become certified as an Open Water Diver by the Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI) or the National Association of Underwater Instructors (NAUI)**

Elective Requirement – Shooting Sports

- **Complete a basic training course for Air Pistol**
- **Complete a basic training course for Air Rifle**
- **Complete a basic training course for Archery**
- **Complete a basic training course for Muzzle-Loading Rifle**
- **Complete a basic training course for Shotgun**
- **Complete a basic training course for Small Bore Rifle**

Elective Requirement – Watercraft

- **Complete a basic boating safety course provided by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, U.S. Power Squadrons, US Sailing, American Red Cross, or your state's boating law administrator**
- **Become certified as a US Sailing Small Boat Sailor**
- **Become certified as a US Sailing Instructor**