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# Frontier Archer

## MERIT REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

### INTRODUCTION

The Frontier Archer merit is a part of the Arrowhead merit series developed by the Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship (FCF). Although Arrowhead merits are intended to provide FCF members with specialized training on advanced frontier skills, any Royal Rangers boy may earn an Arrowhead merit and any Royal Rangers leader may teach an Arrowhead merit regardless of FCF membership status. As with any merit, the boy's group leader approves the completion of all Arrowhead merits.

During the American frontier period, both recurve and longbows were used for a variety of daily tasks. To satisfy the practical shooting requirements of the Frontier Archer merit, wooden or laminate composite recurve and longbow-style bows with wooden or composite arrows can be used.

Boys seeking to earn this skill merit or adult leaders seeking to earn the related Arrowhead award must accumulate a minimum of 15 points from any combination of the following requirements. For information on Arrowhead merits and Arrowhead awards, refer to the *Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship Handbook* (2014 edition).

### MERIT REQUIREMENTS

1. Name and identify the parts of a recurve bow and a longbow. Name and identify the parts of an arrow. Demonstrate the proper way to string a recurve bow and longbow. Explain how a recurve bow or longbow should be stored. (1 point)
2. Using a longbow or recurve bow, score a minimum of forty points on a bull's-eye target at a distance of twenty yards. (1 point)
3. Using a longbow or recurve bow, score a minimum of forty points on a bull's-eye target at a distance of thirty yards. (2 points)

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4. Using a longbow or recurve bow, score a minimum of five out of ten shot attempts on a 3-D target at a distance of twenty yards. (1 point)
5. Build a three-dimensional wildlife target and use it in a district or chapter archery event. (1 point)
6. Build a functional bow using materials and methods that would have been used prior to 1840. The crafted bow must include all the parts identified in requirement 1 for the type of bow you build. The bow must be safe to string and use. (3 points)
7. Build a set of six functional arrows using traditional, pre-1840 materials. The crafted arrows must include all the parts identified in requirement 1 as those of a primitive arrow. Each arrow must include a knapped stone or forged steel tip, wood shaft, and natural fletching. (2 points)
8. Make an authentically styled quiver, finger guard, and arm guard. (1 point)
9. Develop and construct an archery trail walk including at least five different shooting stations. Use it at a district or chapter event. (2 points)
10. Partner with another Royal Ranger to participate in a district or chapter three-station archery competition. (1 point)
11. Become a Level 1 or Level 2 archery instructor through U.S.A. Archery or a Centershot Ministries Archery instructor. (3 points)
12. Participate in an archery hunt sponsored by a state wildlife conservation agency. (2 points)

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