

# Frontier Soldier

## MERIT REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

### INTRODUCTION

The Frontier Soldier 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.

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. Research a historical military unit that was present during the American frontier period prior to 1840. Write a three-hundred-word essay detailing the unit's location, leaders, major events, and campaigns. (2 points)
2. Purchase, assemble, or trade for a complete uniform representing a member of the military unit you have selected. The uniform should include a coat, shirt, pants, hat, and footwear. Purchase, assemble, or trade for equipment and accessories representing everything this soldier would typically carry in the field such as a belt, cartouche, canteen, bags, blanket, etc. (3 points)
3. Purchase, build, or trade for at least one replica weapon that would have been used by a member of the military unit you have selected (rifle, sword, spear, etc.). (2 points)
4. Research the type of food staples your military unit would have carried into a campaign. Prepare two days' supply of the food staples for a soldier in your military unit. (2 points)

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5. Make a historically accurate flag or banner that represents the military unit you have selected. (2 points)
6. Demonstrate cadence for three military commands or instructions using a musical instrument (drum, bugle, whistle, etc.). (1 point)
7. Develop a devotion comparing your military uniform to the armor of God. (1 point)
8. Explain and demonstrate how to clean and care for your military equipment. Compare the care given to necessary military equipment to the care we must take in living a holy Christian life. (1 point)
9. Demonstrate and explain at least five instructions from a manual of arms that would have been applicable to your military unit. (1 point)
10. Develop a devotion describing the use of armies in the Bible. Present the devotion at a Royal Rangers or FCF event. (1 point)
11. Build a diorama detailing a historically accurate maneuver by the military unit you have selected. Tell the story of the maneuver using the diorama at a Royal Rangers outpost meeting. (2 points)
12. Set up and sleep in a type of shelter that would have used by the military unit you have selected. Do this for at least two nights at a Royal Rangers or FCF chapter event. During the Royal Rangers or FCF chapter event, wear the uniform and use the accessories assembled in requirement 2. Prepare and eat the food collected in requirement 4. Display the flag representing your military unit that you made in requirement 5. (2 points)

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