

CAMPING MERIT BADGE WORKBOOK

This Scoutmaster Bucky Merit Badge Workbook is based off the *2020 Scouts BSA Requirements*.

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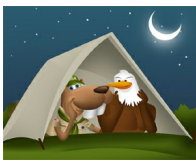
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Scout's Name:

REQUIREMENT 1: Do the following:

REQUIREMENT 1A: Explain to your counselor the most likely hazards you may encounter while participating in camping activities and what you should do to anticipate, help prevent, mitigate, and respond to these hazards.

REQUIREMENT 1B: Discuss with your counselor why it is important to be aware of weather conditions before and during your camping activities. Tell how you can prepare should the weather turn bad during your campouts.



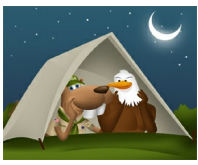
REQUIREMENT 1C: Show that you know first aid for and how to prevent injuries or illnesses that could occur while camping, including hypothermia, frostbite, heat reactions, dehydration, altitude sickness, insect stings, tick bites, snakebite, blisters, and hyperventilation.

REQUIREMENT 2: Learn the Leave No Trace principles and the Outdoor Code and explain what they mean. Write a personal and group plan for implementing these principles on your next outing.

REQUIREMENT 3: Make a written plan for an overnight trek and show how to get to your camping spot by using a topographical map and one of the following:

To complete this requirement, you may use the [Scout Planning Worksheet](#).

REQUIREMENT 3A: A compass



REQUIREMENT 3B: A GPS receiver

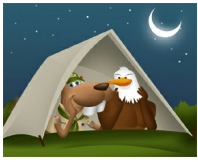
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REQUIREMENT 3C: A smartphone with a GPS app

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REQUIREMENT 4: Do the following:

REQUIREMENT 4A: Make a duty roster showing how your patrol is organized for an actual overnight campout. List assignments for each member.

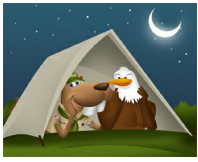


REQUIREMENT 4B: Help a Scout patrol or a Webelos Scout unit in your area prepare for an actual campout, including creating the duty roster, menu planning, equipment needs, general planning, and setting up camp.

REQUIREMENT 5: Do the following:

REQUIREMENT 5A: Prepare a list of clothing you would need for overnight campouts in both warm and cold weather. Explain the term "layering."

REQUIREMENT 5B: Discuss footwear for different kinds of weather and how the right footwear is important for protecting your feet.

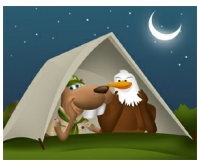


REQUIREMENT 5C: Explain the proper care and storage of camping equipment (clothing, footwear, bedding).

REQUIREMENT 5D: List the outdoor essentials necessary for any campout, and explain why each item is needed.

REQUIREMENT 5E: Present yourself to your Scoutmaster with your pack for inspection. Be correctly clothed and equipped for an overnight campout.

REQUIREMENT 6: Do the following:

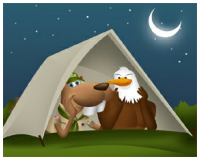


REQUIREMENT 6A: Describe the features of four types of tents, when and where they could be used, and how to care for tents. Working with another Scout, pitch a tent.

REQUIREMENT 6B: Discuss the importance of camp sanitation and tell why water treatment is essential. Then demonstrate two ways to treat water.

REQUIREMENT 6C: Describe the factors to be considered in deciding where to pitch your tent.

REQUIREMENT 6D: Tell the difference between internal- and external-frame packs. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of each.

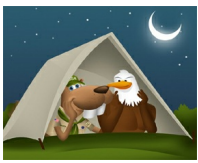


REQUIREMENT 6E: Discuss the types of sleeping bags and what kind would be suitable for different conditions. Explain the proper care of your sleeping bag and how to keep it dry. Make a comfortable ground bed.

REQUIREMENT 7: Prepare for an overnight campout with your patrol by doing the following:

REQUIREMENT 7A: Make a checklist of personal and patrol gear that will be needed.

REQUIREMENT 7B: Pack your own gear and your share of the patrol equipment and food for proper carrying. Show that your pack is right for quickly getting what is needed first, and that it has been assembled properly for comfort, weight, balance, size, and neatness.

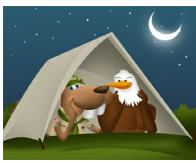


REQUIREMENT 8: Do the following:

REQUIREMENT 8A: Explain the safety procedures for:

REQUIREMENT 8A1: Using a propane or butane/propane stove

REQUIREMENT 8A2: Using a liquid fuel stove

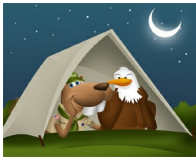


REQUIREMENT 8A3: Proper storage of extra fuel

REQUIREMENT 8B: Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of different types of lightweight cooking stoves.

REQUIREMENT 8C: Prepare a camp menu. Explain how the menu would differ from a menu for a backpacking or float trip. Give recipes and make a food list for your patrol. Plan two breakfasts, three lunches, and two suppers. Discuss how to protect your food against bad weather, animals, and contamination.

REQUIREMENT 8D: While camping in the outdoors, cook at least one breakfast, one lunch, and one dinner for your patrol from the meals you have planned for requirement 8c. At least one of those meals must be a trail meal requiring the use of a lightweight stove.

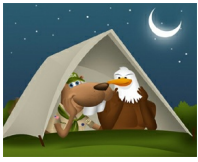


REQUIREMENT 9: Show experience in camping by doing the following:

REQUIREMENT 9A: Camp a total of at least 20 nights at designated Scouting activities or events. One long-term camping experience of up to six consecutive nights may be applied toward this requirement. Sleep each night under the sky or in a tent you have pitched. If the camp provides a tent that has already been pitched, you need not pitch your own tent.

REQUIREMENT 9B: On any of these camping experiences, you must do TWO of the following, only with proper preparation and under qualified supervision.

REQUIREMENT 9B1: Hike up a mountain, gaining at least 1,000 vertical feet.

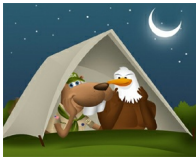


REQUIREMENT 9B2: Backpack, snowshoe, or cross-country ski for at least 4 miles.

REQUIREMENT 9B3: Take a bike trip of at least 15 miles or at least four hours.

REQUIREMENT 9B4: Take a nonmotorized trip on the water of at least four hours or 5 miles.

REQUIREMENT 9B5: Plan and carry out an overnight snow camping experience.



REQUIREMENT 9B6: Rappel down a rappel route of 30 feet or more.

REQUIREMENT 9C: Perform a conservation project approved by the landowner or land managing agency. This can be done alone or with others.

REQUIREMENT 10: Discuss how the things you did to earn this badge have taught you about personal health and safety, survival, public health, conservation, and good citizenship. In your discussion, tell how Scout spirit and the Scout Oath and Scout Law apply to camping and outdoor ethics.