



Backpacking Merit Badge



Expectations

- Read and Review **ALL** requirements prior to the class
Even though a requirement may be identified as one to be done in class, Scouts are still expected to familiarize, review, and prepare for the requirement – BE PREPARED!
- Active interaction/participation is expected and mandatory.
- Share in your own words – avoid reading your answers.
- Pay attention to the action verbs.
- Bring proof of completion (even partially completed work)



Things to Remember to Bring

1. Your BSA ID# and /or your Merit Badge Blue Card properly filled out and signed off by your Scout Leader
2. Scout Uniform
3. Notes and Questions from reading the Backpacking Merit Badge Pamphlet
4. **IN-PERSON CLASS:** Appropriate outdoor weather clothing for the forecasted weather conditions (some/all components of the class will take place outdoors)
5. **IN-PERSON CLASS:** Your Backpack and Trek Supplies
6. **IN-PERSON CLASS:** Proper and Appropriate Footwear
7. Supporting documentation or project work pertinent to this merit badge which may also include a Merit Badge Workbook for reference with notes.
8. A positive Scouting focus and attitude

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Requirements Insight

IN-PERSON CLASS: It must be noted that some requirements will take place outdoors and Scouts should attend with outdoor gear appropriate for the time of year, location, and forecasted weather conditions.

Requirements	Expectations
1, 2, 3, 4, 5b, 6c, 7, and 8a	<p>If you have prepared ahead of time, you will be able to complete these requirements and options during the class.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Time will be allotted for those Scouts who have prepared to share their work for sign off consideration
5a, 6a, 8b,	<p>Scouts will have an opportunity to demonstrate these requirement options with the assistance of the merit badge counselor during the class.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scouts will find it beneficial to have recent knowledge in the methods and processes for these requirement options prior to attending the class. Reference the Backpacking Merit Badge Pamphlet.
6b and 8d	<p>These requirement components most likely will NOT be completed as part of this class.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• These requirement components can and should be completed as a part of Requirement 9, 10, and/or 11.
8c	<p>This requirement component likely will NOT be completed as part of this class.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This requirement can be done separately, if desired, and does NOT need to be completed while on a trek.• This requirement component is easiest to complete while working on Requirement 10 and/or 11.
9	<p>The class will work on completing as much of this requirement as possible, however it must be noted that time, weather, and class dynamic will determine how much is completed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The counselor will provide both in-class and after-class guidance and review for this requirement.
10 and 11	<p>These requirements will NOT be done as a part of this class.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The counselor will provide both in-class and after-class guidance and review for these requirements.• Scouts should bring any proof they have for sign off consideration

Merit Badge Workbooks are a tool to aid Scouts with their work preparation. BSA discourages — but does not ban — the use of any merit badge worksheets or workbooks. Merit badge counselors must NEVER require the use of merit badge worksheets or workbooks and may if they choose, refuse to accept them. Scouts shall not be required to use ANY of these to complete a merit badge.

