

CAMPING MERIT BADGE WORKBOOK

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

Consider also using the Camping merit badge class preparation page for clarification and expectations when participating in a Scoutmaster Bucky merit badge opportunity ([online](#) or [in-person](#)).

<https://scoutmasterbucky.com/merit-badges/camping/>

Scout's
Name:

REQUIREMENT 1: Do the following:

REQUIREMENT 1 A: 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.

Most likely hazards

Anticipate hazards

Prevent hazards

Mitigate hazards

Respond to hazards

REQUIREMENT 1 B: 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.

Why it is important to be aware of weather conditions

How you can prepare should the weather turn bad

REQUIREMENT 1 C: 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.

<input type="checkbox"/> Hypothermia	<input type="checkbox"/> Frostbite	<input type="checkbox"/> Heat reactions	<input type="checkbox"/> Dehydration
<input type="checkbox"/> Altitude sickness	<input type="checkbox"/> Insect stings	<input type="checkbox"/> Tick bites	
<input type="checkbox"/> Snakebite	<input type="checkbox"/> Blisters	<input type="checkbox"/> 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.

Explain what they mean

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Personal plan for implementing these principles

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Group plan for implementing these principles

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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:

Written plan for an overnight trek

How to get to your camping spot by using a topographical map an one of the following:

a. A compass

b. A GPS receiver**

c. A smartphone with a GPS app*

* To complete this requirement, you may use the Scout Planning Worksheet at http://troopleader.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/512-505_16_Wksht_WEB.pdf.

** If a GPS-equipped device is not available, explain how to use one to get to your camping spot.

REQUIREMENT 4: Do the following:

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

REQUIREMENT 4 B: 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.

Completed

REQUIREMENT 5: Do the following:

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

Warm weather

Cold weather

Explain the term "layering"

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

Footwear for different kinds of weather

How the right footwear is important for protecting your feet

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

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

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

Completed

REQUIREMENT 6: Do the following:

REQUIREMENT 6 A: 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.

Type of tent	When and where found	How to care for tent

Pitched a tent with another Scout

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

Importance of camp sanitation

Why water treatment is essential

Demonstrated first way to treat water

Demonstrated second way to treat water

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

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

Differences

Advantages and disadvantages

REQUIREMENT 6 E: 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.

Types of sleeping bags

What kind would be suitable for different conditions

Proper care for your sleeping bag

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

Completed

REQUIREMENT 7 B: 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.

Packed your own gear

Packed your share of patrol equipment

Showed that your pack is right for quickly getting what is needed first

Pack has been assembled properly for comfort, weight, balance, size, and neatness

REQUIREMENT 8: Do the following:

REQUIREMENT 8 A: Explain the safety procedures for

REQUIREMENT 8 A 1: Using a propane or butane/propane stove

REQUIREMENT 8 A 2: Using a liquid fuel stove

REQUIREMENT 8 A 3: Proper storage of extra fuel

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

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REQUIREMENT 8 C: 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.

Breakfast #1

Recipes	Food list

Breakfast #2

Recipes	Food list

Lunch #1

Recipes	Food list

Lunch #2

Recipes	Food list

Lunch #3

Recipes	Food list

Supper #1

Recipes	Food list

Supper #2

Recipes	Food list

How the menu would differ from a menu for a backpacking or float trip

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How to protect your food against bad weather

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How to protect your food against animals

How to protect your food against contamination

REQUIREMENT 8 D: 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.

Cooked one breakfast

Cooked one lunch

Cooked one dinner

One meal was a trail meal requiring the use of a lightweight stove

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

REQUIREMENT 9 A: 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.

Camping log - dates and shelter type, if any

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

<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Hike up a mountain, gaining at least 1,000 vertical feet.	<input type="checkbox"/> 2. Backpack, snowshoe, or cross-country ski for at least 4 miles.
<input type="checkbox"/> 3. Take a bike trip of at least 15 miles or at least four hours.	<input type="checkbox"/> 4. Take a nonmotorized trip on the water of at least four hours or 5 miles.
<input type="checkbox"/> 5. Plan and carry out an overnight snow camping experience.	<input type="checkbox"/> 6. Rappel down a rappel route of 30 feet or more.

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

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Landowner or Land Management Agency Name	Phone
_____	_____
Landowner or Land Management Agency Signature	Date
	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved

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.

Personal health and safety

Survival

Public health

Conservation

Good citizenship