



Communication 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 Communication Merit Badge Pamphlet
4. Supporting documentation or project work pertinent to this merit badge which may also include a Merit Badge Workbook for reference with notes.
5. A positive Scouting focus and attitude

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Requirements Insight

NOTE: This merit badge requires a lot of explanation and discussion in order to complete most requirements. This class is structured to offer explanation and discussion time for Scouts in a small group setting to offer both learning and earning opportunity. **Scouts MUST come to the class with preparation work in order to successfully complete these requirements.** It will be virtually impossible for Scouts who do not have preparation work done to successfully partake in the group discussions or provide acceptable explanation if they do not have prior knowledge of the requirements and answers prior to the class.

Requirements	Expectations
1	<p>Choose one of the 4 requirement options and be ready to share your prepared work during the class.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requirement 1c and 1d are ideal if time is limited to prepare.
2	<p>Choose one of the two options for requirement 2 and be prepared to share during the class.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Don't forget to bring presentation materials.
3	<p>Be prepared to share your 5-minute speech or bring proof of having done your speech for another group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remember that giving a 5-minute speech to another group is accepted at the discretion and satisfaction of the class merit badge counselor.
4	<p>If you have prepared ahead of time, you will be able to complete this requirement 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 Those who were not able to interview someone, MAY have the opportunity to do so during the class.
5	<p>Scouts will need to choose a public meeting to attend, practice listening skills, and take good notes to prepare for their presentation which will take place during the class.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scouts will be given an opportunity to present their work during the class.
6	<p>While the selected subject for this requirement can be anything, please remember it must be Scout appropriate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scout's may want to consider choosing a Scouting skill as their subject matter for this requirement. Scouts should prepare for presenting, with teaching aids (or up to 10 people) on the day of the class.
7	<p>This requirement will NOT be done as a part of the class.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HOWEVER, Scouts will have an opportunity to share and discuss their work during the class if they have completed this requirement. <p><i>NOTE: Please remember that any and all requirements are signed off at the discretion and satisfaction of the merit badge counselor.</i></p>
8	<p>This requirement will NOT be done as a part of the class.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HOWEVER, Scouts will have an opportunity to share and discuss their work during the class if they have completed this requirement In order to receive credit, Scouts must bring a signed sheet (there is one available in the Scoutmaster Bucky Communications Merit Badge Workbook) by the Troop's Senior Patrol Leader verifying approval of the Scout to plan one of the specified Troop activities by the PLC. A signed note from the Scoutmaster is not usually acceptable to most counselors as the requirement needs to be approved by the PLC, which is headed by the Senior Patrol Leader, not the Scoutmaster. If the event has already happened there should also be some sort of confirmation showing that the Scouts served as Master of Ceremony for the event
9	<p>If you have prepared ahead of time, you will be able to complete this requirement 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.