



Communication Merit Badge Workbook

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Scouts participating in a Scoutmaster Bucky merit badge opportunity (online or in-person), should consider using the Communication merit badge class preparation pages for clarifications, insights, and expectations.

<https://scoutmasterbucky.com/merit-badges/communication/communication-cpp.pdf>

Requirement 5 requires counselor approval.

Requirement 6 requires counselor approval ahead of time.

Requirement 8 requires Senior Patrol Leader approval ahead of time and after completion.

Requirement 8 requests a Unit Leader's signature for confirmation.

DO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING (1A, 1B, 1C, or 1D) FOR REQUIREMENT 1

REQUIREMENT 1a: For one day, keep a log in which you describe your communication activities. Keep track of the time and different ways you spend communicating, such as talking person-to-person, listening to teachers, listening to the radio or podcasts, watching television, using social media, reading books and other print media, and using any electronic communication device. Discuss with your counselor what your log reveals about the importance of communication in your life. Think of ways to improve your communication skills.

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REQUIREMENT 1b: For three days, keep a journal of your listening experiences. Identify one example of each of the following, and discuss with your counselor when you have listened to:

1. Obtain information.
2. Be persuaded.
3. Appreciate or enjoy something.
4. Understand someone's feelings.

Days / Dates:

Obtain Information:

Be persuaded:

Appreciate or enjoy something:

Understand someone's feelings:



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REQUIREMENT 1c: In a small-group setting, meet with other Scouts or with friends. Have them share personal stories about significant events in their lives that affected them in some way. Take note of how each Scout participates in the group discussion and how effectively each Scout communicates their story. Report what you have learned to your counselor about the differences you observed in effective communication.

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REQUIREMENT 1d: List as many ways as you can think of to communicate with others (face-to-face, by telephone, letter, email, text messages, social media, and so on). For each type of communication, discuss with your counselor an instance when that method might not be appropriate or effective.

COMMUNICATION METHOD #1

Method:

When might this method NOT be appropriate or effective:

COMMUNICATION METHOD #2

Method:

When might this method NOT be appropriate or effective:

COMMUNICATION METHOD #3

Method:

When might this method NOT be appropriate or effective:



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COMMUNICATION METHOD #4

Method:

When might this method NOT be appropriate or effective:

COMMUNICATION METHOD #5

Method:

When might this method NOT be appropriate or effective:

COMMUNICATION METHOD #6

Method:

When might this method NOT be appropriate or effective:



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COMMUNICATION METHOD #7

Method:

When might this method NOT be appropriate or effective:

COMMUNICATION METHOD #8

Method:

When might this method NOT be appropriate or effective:

COMMUNICATION METHOD #9

Method:

When might this method NOT be appropriate or effective:



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DO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING (2A or 2B) FOR REQUIREMENT 2

REQUIREMENT 2a: Think of a creative way to describe yourself using, for example, a collage, short story or autobiography, drawing or series of photographs, or a song or skit. Using the aid you created, make a presentation to your counselor about yourself.

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REQUIREMENT 2b: Choose a concept, product, or service in which you have great confidence. Build a sales plan based on its good points. Try to persuade the counselor to agree with, use, or buy your concept, product or service. After your sales talk, discuss with your counselor how persuasive you were.

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REQUIREMENT 3: Write a five-minute speech. Give it at a meeting of a group.

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REQUIREMENT 4: Interview someone you know fairly well, like, or respect because of his or her position, talent, career, or life experiences. Listen actively to learn as much as you can about the person. Then prepare and deliver to your counselor an introduction of the person as though this person were to be a guest speaker, and include reasons why the audience would want to hear this person speak.

Selected Person to Interview:

Notes:



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REQUIREMENT 4: Show how you would call to invite this person to speak.

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REQUIREMENT 5: Attend a public meeting (city council, school board, debate) approved by your counselor where several points of view are given on a single issue. Practice active listening skills and take careful notes of each point of view.

Public Meeting Name and Location:

COUNSELOR APPROVAL: This requirement does not state that you need counselor approval ahead of time, however, remember that just because you and your parent feel the choice is acceptable, ultimately acceptance and approval is at the discretion and satisfaction of the merit badge counselor.

_____	_____
Counselor's Name	Phone or Email
_____	_____
Counselor's Signature	Date <input type="checkbox"/> <i>approved</i>

Date and Time of Visit:

Who did you meet with (Name and Title):

Selected Issue:

Point 1:



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Point 2:

Point 3:

Point 4:

Point 5:



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Point 6:

Point 7:

Point 8:

Point 9:



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REQUIREMENT 5: Prepare an objective report that includes all points of view that were expressed, and share this with your counselor.

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REQUIREMENT 6: With your counselor's approval, develop a plan to teach a skill or inform someone about something. Prepare teaching aids for your plan. Carry out your plan. With your counselor, determine whether the person has learned what you intended.

COUNSELOR APPROVAL: Counselor approval is required prior to working on this requirement.

Counselor's Name

Phone or Email

Counselor's Signature

Date *approved*

Skill / Knowledge to share:

Notes:



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DO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING (7A, 7B, or 7C) FOR REQUIREMENT 7

REQUIREMENT 7a: Write to the editor of a magazine or your local newspaper to express your opinion or share information on any subject you choose. Send your message by fax, email, or regular mail.

Magazine / Newspaper Name:

Date and Time of message:

Who did you contact (Name and Title):

Subject:

Method of Delivery:

Notes:



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REQUIREMENT 7b: Create a web page or blog of special interest to you (for instance, your troop or crew, a hobby, or a sport). Include at least three articles or entries and one photograph or illustration, and one link to some other web page or blog that would be helpful to someone who visits the web page or blog you have created. **It is not necessary to post your web page or blog to the Internet, but if you decide to do so, you must first share it with your parent or guardian and counselor and get their permission.**

This requirement must be reviewed with your merit badge counselor.

BE PREPARED!

REQUIREMENT 7c: Use desktop publishing to produce a newsletter, brochure, flier, or other printed material for your troop or crew, class at school, or other group. Include at least one article and one photograph or illustration.

This requirement must be reviewed with your merit badge counselor.

BE PREPARED!

REQUIREMENT 8: Plan a troop or crew court of honor, campfire program, or an interfaith worship service. Have the patrol leaders' council approve it, then write the script and prepare the program. Serve as master of ceremonies.

Court of Honor, Campfire Program, or Interfaith Worship Service:

Date and Location:

SENIOR PATROL LEADER'S APPROVAL: Clearly this requirement needs approval from the unit's PLC (headed by the Senior Patrol Leader), hence the Senior Patrol Leader's approval before and confirmation afterwards is required.

Senior Patrol Leader's Name

Phone or Email

Senior Patrol Leader's Signature

Date

approved



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Notes:

Senior Patrol Leader's Name

Phone or Email

Senior Patrol Leader's Signature

Date *completed*

UNIT LEADER'S CONFIRMATION: While not required, the Unit Leader's signature helps validate the claim of completion for this requirement. The merit badge counselor may still want to confirm with the Unit Leader that the details for this requirement have been completed as represented.

Unit Leader's Name

Phone or Email

Unit Leader's Signature

Date *confirmed*



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REQUIREMENT 9: Find out about three career opportunities in communication.

Career Opportunity #1:

Career Opportunity #2:

Career Opportunity #3:

REQUIREMENT 9: Pick one and find out the education, training, and experience required for this profession. Discuss this with your counselor.

Selected Career Opportunity:

Educational Requirements:

Training Requirements:

Experience Requirements:

REQUIREMENT 9: Explain why this profession might interest you.

Notes: