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# SCOUTMASTER BUCKY

## Communication Merit Badge

SCOUTS PARTICIPATING IN A SCOUTMASTER BUCKY MERIT BADGE OPPORTUNITY (ONLINE OR IN PERSON), PLEASE CONSIDER ALSO USING THE COMMUNICATION MERIT BADGE CLASS PREPARATION PAGE FOR CLARIFICATIONS, INSIGHTS, AND EXPECTATIONS.

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

### COMMUNICATION MERIT BADGE WORKBOOK

**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 and 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.

This requirement component will be done during the class .

**This requirement must be reviewed with your merit badge counselor.**

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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:

When this method may not be appropriate / effective:

Communication Method #2:

When this method may not be appropriate / effective:

Communication Method #3:

When this method may not be appropriate / effective:



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Communication Method #4:

When this method may not be appropriate / effective:

Communication Method #5:

When this method may not be appropriate / effective:

Communication Method #6:

When this method may not be appropriate / effective:



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Communication Method #7:

When this method may not be appropriate / effective:

Communication Method #8:

When this method may not be appropriate / effective:

Communication Method #9:

When this method may not be appropriate / 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.

This requirement must be reviewed with your merit badge counselor.

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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. Show how you would call to invite this person to speak.

Selected person to Interview:

This requirement must be reviewed with your merit badge counselor.

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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:**

**Date and Location:**

**Selected Issue:**

**Point #1:**

**Point #2:**

**Point #3:**

**Point #4:**

**Point #5:**



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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.

This requirement must be reviewed with your merit badge 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:** PERHAPS IMPLIED, THIS REQUIREMENT DOES NOT STATE THAT YOU NEED THE COUNSELOR'S APPROVAL AHEAD OF TIME TO DEVELOP YOUR PLAN. PLEASE NOTE, AS WITH ANY REQUIREMENT, ACCEPTANCE IS AT THE DISCRETION AND SATISFACTION OF THE MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR.

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Counselor's Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone

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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:**

**Editor / Contact:**

**Date:**

**Subject:**

**Method of Delivery:**

**Notes:**



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**REQUIREMENT 7b:** Create a webpage 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 webpage or blog that would be helpful to someone who visits the webpage or blog you have created. *It is not necessary to post your webpage or blog to the internet, but if you decide to do so, you must first share it with your parents 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 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, or Interfaith Service:**

**Date and Location:**

**SENIOR PATROL LEADER'S APPROVAL:** CLEARLY THIS REQUIREMENT REQUIRES APPROVAL From THE UNIT'S PLC (OBVIOUSLY HEADED BY THE SENIOR PATROL LEADER), HENCE WHY ONLY THE SENIOR PATROL LEADER'S APPROVAL IS REQUIRED BOTH PRIOR TO AND AFTER COMPLETION. PLEASE NOTE, AS WITH ANY REQUIREMENT, ACCEPTANCE IS AT THE DISCRETION AND SATISFACTION OF THE MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR.

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Senior Patrol Leader's Name

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Phone

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Senior Patrol Leader's Signature

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Date

approved



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Senior Patrol Leader's Name

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Phone

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Senior Patrol Leader's Signature

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Date

*completed*

**SCOUTMASTER'S CONFIRMATION:** WHILE NOT REQUIRED, THE SCOUTMASTER'S SIGNATURE SIMPLY SIGNIFIES THAT THE SCOUT PERFORMED AND COMPLETED THE SELECTED RESPONSIBILITY. THE SENIOR PATROL LEADER'S SIGNATURE IS STILL REQUIRED FOR CONSIDERATION OF COMPLETION. AS WITH ANY REQUIREMENT, ACCEPTANCE IS AT THE DISCRETION AND SATISFACTION OF THE MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR.

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Scoutmaster's Name

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Phone

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Scoutmaster's Signature

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Date

*performance 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 6:** Pick one and find out the education, training, and experience required for this profession

Selected Career Opportunity:

Educational Requirements:

Training Requirements:

Experience Requirements:

**REQUIREMENT 9:** Discuss with your counselor and explain why this profession might interest you

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