

## ELECTRICITY MERIT BADGE WORKBOOK

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

Consider also using the Electricity 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/electricity/>

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**REQUIREMENT 1:** Demonstrate that you know how to respond to electrical emergencies by doing the following:

**REQUIREMENT 1 A:** Show how to rescue a person touching a live wire in the home.

Completed

**REQUIREMENT 1 B:** Show how to render first aid to a person who is unconscious from electrical shock.

Completed

**REQUIREMENT 1 C:** Show how to treat an electrical burn.

Completed

**REQUIREMENT 1 D:** Explain what to do in an electrical storm.

**REQUIREMENT 1 E:** Explain what to do in the event of an electrical fire.

**REQUIREMENT 2:** Complete an electrical home safety inspection of your home, using the checklist found in this pamphlet or one approved by your counselor. Discuss what you find with your counselor.

**REQUIREMENT 3:** Make a simple electromagnet and use it to show magnetic attraction and repulsion.

Completed

**REQUIREMENT 4:** Explain the difference between direct current and alternating current.

**REQUIREMENT 5:** Make a simple drawing to show how a battery and an electric bell work.

**REQUIREMENT 6:** Explain why a fuse blows or a circuit breaker trips. Tell how to find a blown fuse or tripped circuit breaker in your home. Show how to safely reset the circuit breaker.

Why a fuse blows or a circuit breaker trips

How to find a blown fuse or a tripped circuit breaker

Show how to safely reset the circuit breaker

**REQUIREMENT 7:** Explain what overloading an electric circuit means. Tell what you have done to make sure your home circuits are not overloaded.

What overloading an electric circuit means

What you have done to make sure your home circuits are not overloaded

**REQUIREMENT 8:** Make a floor plan wiring diagram of the lights, switches, and outlets for a room in your home. Show which fuse or circuit breaker protects each one.



**REQUIREMENT 9:** Do the following:

**REQUIREMENT 9 A:** Read an electric meter and, using your family's electric bill, determine the energy cost from the meter readings.

**REQUIREMENT 9 B:** Discuss with your counselor five ways in which your family can conserve energy.

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**REQUIREMENT 10:** Explain the following electrical terms: volt, ampere, watt, ohm, resistance, potential difference, rectifier, rheostat, conductor, ground, GFCI, circuit, and short circuit.

Volt

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Ampere

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Watt

Ohm

Resistance

Potential difference

Rectifier

Rheostat

Conductor

Ground

GFCI

Circuit

Short circuit

**REQUIREMENT 11:** Do any TWO of the following:

**REQUIREMENT 11 A:** Connect a buzzer, bell, or light with a battery. Have a key or switch in the line.

Completed

**REQUIREMENT 11 B:** Make and run a simple electric motor (not from a kit).

Completed

**REQUIREMENT 11 C:** Build a simple rheostat. Show that it works.

Completed

**REQUIREMENT 11 D:** Build a single-pole, double-throw switch. Show that it works.

Completed

**REQUIREMENT 11 E:** Hook a model electric train layout to a house circuit.

Completed