



SCOUTMASTER BUCKY

2024 Class Preparation Page - for **ONLINE** and **IN-PERSON** classes

Exploration 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 Exploration Merit Badge Pamphlet
4. **IN-PERSON CLASS:** Appropriate outdoor weather clothing for the forecasted weather conditions (some/all components of the class will take place outdoors)
5. Supporting documentation or project work pertinent to this merit badge which may also include a Merit Badge Workbook for reference with notes.
6. A positive Scouting focus and attitude

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Requirements Insight

IN-PERSON CLASS: It must be noted that some requirements may take place outdoors and Scouts should attend with outdoor gear appropriate for the time of year, location, and forecasted weather conditions.

Requirements	Expectations
1, 2, 3, 4, 8b, and 9	<p>If you have prepared ahead of time, you will be able to successfully complete these requirements 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
5	<p>This requirement will be facilitated by the instructor /counselor during the class.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scouts are expected to be prepared by knowing and understanding the requirement expectations.
6	<p>If you have prepared ahead of time, you will be able to successfully complete this requirement during the class.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The instructor / counselor will help facilitate enhancement and clarification on this requirement during the class, however Scouts deemed underprepared (not having done adequate preparation prior to the class) will find it difficult, if not impossible, to gain sign off on this requirement during the class. BE PREPARED!
7	<p>ONLINE CLASS:</p> <p>This requirement will NOT be completed as a part of the class.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HOWEVER, time will be allotted for sign off consideration for any Scouts attending the class with this requirement ready for review. <p>IN-PERSON CLASS: This requirement will be the focus during the class, this does not exempt a Scout from reading, reviewing, and preparing for the requirement ahead of the class.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The instructor / counselor will help facilitate Scouts in working on this requirement during the class. No promise or guarantee is made that this will be completed, HOWEVER Scouts that prepare by coming with some ideas in mind and understanding of the task at hand, will find it MUCH easier to find success in completing this requirement during the class.
8a and 8c	<p>ONLINE CLASS:</p> <p>This requirement will NOT be completed during the class.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A follow up time will be provided for online Scouts to review their expedition experience and compliance with these two requirement components as well as for sign off consideration and badge completion. <p>IN-PERSON CLASS: This requirement will NOT be completed during the class.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A follow up time will be provided for online Scouts to review their expedition experience and compliance with these two requirement components as well as for sign off consideration and badge completion.

Merit Badge Workbooks are a tool to aid Scouts with their work preparation. BSA discourages — but does not ban — the use of any merit badge worksheets or workbooks. Merit badge counselors must NEVER require the use of merit badge worksheets or workbooks and may if they choose, refuse to accept them. Scouts shall not be required to use ANY of these to complete a merit badge.