



# SCOUTMASTER BUCKY

2024 Class Preparation Page - for IN-PERSON class only

## Fishing 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 Fishing Merit Badge Pamphlet
4. Appropriate outdoor weather clothing for the forecasted weather conditions (some/all components of the class will take place outdoors)
5. Fishing gear if you have it
6. Supporting documentation or project work pertinent to this merit badge which may also include a Merit Badge Workbook for reference with notes.
7. A positive Scouting focus and attitude

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### Requirements Insight

**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, 5, 6, and 8	<p><b>If you have prepared ahead of time, you will be able to successfully complete these requirements during the class.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Time will be allotted for those Scouts who have prepared to share their work for sign off consideration</li></ul>
3	<p><b>The instructor / counselor will help facilitate this requirement during the class.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Scouts may want to consider being familiar with more than the stated two types of fishing equipment in case the instructor / counselor is not satisfied with one of their selections.</li><li>• Scouts are expected to prepare by being familiar with at least two different types of fishing equipment and how they are to be properly used.</li></ul>
4	<p><b>Be aware, this is a skill-based requirement - practice, practice, practice.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Time will be allotted during the class for the instructor / counselor to help Scouts work on their knots.</li><li>• No guarantee of completion is suggested or implied. Scouts not coming to the class able to tie the knots will find it difficult, if not impossible, to complete this requirement during the class.</li><li>• It is STRONGLY recommended to utilize the <a href="#">Scoutmaster Bucky Fishing Merit Badge Workbook</a> for some helpful information to prepare for this requirement.</li></ul>
7	<p><b>Most State's DNR (Department of Natural Resources website will have links to their state's fishing regulations.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Since MOST in-person classes at this time will likely take place in the states of Minnesota or Wisconsin, here are links to the DNR's websites, respectively: <a href="#">Minnesota Department of Natural Resources website</a> <a href="#">Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources website</a></li><li>• Consider bringing a copy with you for class. You may also get a printed copy from the DNR directly.</li></ul>
9	<p><b>The instructor / counselor will help facilitate this requirement as a part of the class.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT YOU WILL CATCH A FISH</b></li><li>• If you have caught or do catch a fish prior to class, remember to bring proof. (Remember this must be during the time in which you were a registered Scouts BSA member, Cub Scouts does not count).</li><li>• You may, and should if possible, bring your own fishing gear to the class. There will be a limited amount of gear for Scouts to use and share.</li></ul>
10	<p><b>The instructor / counselor will help facilitate this requirement during the class.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be prepared with knowledge on what you will need and what you will need to do to clean a fish.</li><li>• Cooking materials and supplies will be available as a part of this class.</li></ul>

**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.**