

## RIFLE SHOOTING MERIT BADGE WORKBOOK

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

Consider also using the Rifle Shooting 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/rifle-shooting/>

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### Option A—Rifle Shooting (Modern cartridge type)

This workbook covers only one of the options for this merit badge. Check the Scoutmaster Bucky website for the other possibilities.

**REQUIREMENT 1:** Do the following:

**REQUIREMENT A:** Explain why BB and pellet air guns must always be treated with the same respect as firearms.

**REQUIREMENT B:** Describe how you would react if a friend visiting your home asked to see your or your family's firearm(s).

**REQUIREMENT C:** Explain the need for, and use and types of, eye and hearing protection. Demonstrate their proper use.

**REQUIREMENT D:** Give the main points of the laws for owning and using guns in your community and state.

**REQUIREMENT E:** Explain how hunting is related to the wise use of renewable wildlife resources.

**REQUIREMENT F:** Successfully complete a state hunter education course or obtain a copy of the hunting laws for your state, then do the following:

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**REQUIREMENT 1:** Explain the main points of hunting laws in your state and give any special laws on the use of guns and ammunition.

**REQUIREMENT 2:** List the kinds of wildlife that can be legally hunted in your state.

**REQUIREMENT G:** Identify and explain how you can join or be a part of shooting sports activities.

**REQUIREMENT H:** Explain to your counselor the proper hygienic guidelines used in shooting.

**REQUIREMENT I:** Give your counselor a list of sources that you could contact for information on firearms and their uses.

**REQUIREMENT 2:** Do ONE of the following options:

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**REQUIREMENT A:** Identify the three main parts of a rifle, and tell how they function.

**REQUIREMENT B:** Identify and demonstrate the three fundamental rules for safe gun handling.

**REQUIREMENT C:** Identify the two types of cartridges, their parts, and how they function.

**REQUIREMENT D:** Explain to your counselor what a misfire, hangfire, and squib fire are, and explain the procedures to follow in response to each.

**REQUIREMENT E:** Identify and demonstrate the five fundamentals of shooting a rifle safely.

**REQUIREMENT F:** Explain to your counselor the fundamental rules for safe gun handling. Explain each rule for using and storing a gun. Identify and explain each rule for safe shooting.

**REQUIREMENT G:** Explain the range commands and range procedures.

**REQUIREMENT H:** Demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and attitude necessary to safely shoot a rifle from the benchrest position or supported prone position while using the five fundamentals of rifle shooting.

**REQUIREMENT I:** Identify the basic safety rules for cleaning a rifle, and identify the materials needed.

**REQUIREMENT J:** Demonstrate how to clean a rifle properly and safely.

**REQUIREMENT K:** Discuss what points you would consider in selecting a rifle.

**REQUIREMENT L:** Using a .22 caliber rimfire rifle and shooting from a benchrest or supported prone position at 50 feet, fire five groups (three shots per group) that can be covered by a quarter. Using these targets, explain how to adjust sights to zero a rifle.

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**REQUIREMENT M:** Adjust sights to center the group on the target\* and fire five groups (five shots per group). According to the target used, each shot in the group must meet the following minimum score: (1) A-32 targets—9; (2) A-17 or TQ-1 targets—7; (3) A-36 targets—5.

\* NOTE: It is not always practical to adjust the sights (i.e., when using a borrowed fixed-sight rifle). For requirement 2(l), you may demonstrate your ability to use the shooting fundamentals by shooting five shot groups (five shots per group) in which all shots can be covered by or touch a quarter and then explain how to adjust the sights to zero the rifle used.

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