

## SHOTGUN SHOOTING MERIT BADGE WORKBOOK

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

Consider also using the Shotgun 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/shotgun-shooting/>

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### OPTION B—MUZZLELOADING SHOTGUN SHOOTING

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.

**REQUIREMENT D:** Explain 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.

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

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

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

**REQUIREMENT H:** Identify and explain three shotgun sports. Identify places in your community where you could shoot these sports and explain how you can join or be a part of shooting sports activities.

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

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

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**REQUIREMENT A:** Discuss a brief history of the development of the muzzleloading shotgun.

**REQUIREMENT B:** Identify principal parts of percussion and flintlock shotguns and discuss how they function.

**REQUIREMENT C:** Demonstrate and explain the rules of safely handling a muzzleloading shotgun.

**REQUIREMENT D:** Identify the various grades of black powder and their proper and safe use.

**REQUIREMENT E:** Discuss proper safety procedures pertaining to black powder use and storage.

**REQUIREMENT F:** Discuss proper components of a load.

**REQUIREMENT G:** Identify proper procedures and accessories used for safely loading a muzzleloading shotgun.

**REQUIREMENT H:** Demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and attitude necessary to safely shoot a muzzleloading shotgun on a range, including range procedures. Explain what a misfire, hangfire, and squibfire are, and explain the procedures to follow in response to each.

**REQUIREMENT I:** Shoot a moving target with a muzzleloading shotgun using the five fundamentals of firing the shot.

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**REQUIREMENT J:** Identify the materials needed to clean a muzzleloading shotgun properly and safely.

**REQUIREMENT K:** Demonstrate how to clean to clear a muzzleloading shotgun's failure to fire and explain or demonstrate proper correction procedures.

**REQUIREMENT L:** Identify the causes of a muzzleloading shotgun's failure to fire and explain or demonstrate proper preventive procedures.

**REQUIREMENT M:** Discuss what points you would consider in selecting a muzzleloading shotgun.

**REQUIREMENT N:** Shooting score required—Hit at least 5 out of 15 targets in each of two 15-target groups. The two groups need not be shot in consecutive order. A minimum of 30 shots must be fired. Shooting skill rules:

- Targets may be thrown by a hand trap, manual mechanical trap, or on any trap or skeet field. Note: If using a hand trap or manual mechanical trap, the trap operator should be at least 5 feet to the right and 3 feet to the rear of the shooter. If throwing left-handed with a hand trap, the trap operator should be at least 5 feet to the left and 3 feet to the rear of the shooter.
- All targets should be thrown at a reasonable speed and in the same direction.
- Targets should be generally thrown so as to climb in the air after leaving the trap.
- Scores may be fired at any time, either in formal competition or in practice.
- Any gauge shotgun not exceeding 10 gauge may be used.
- Standard clay targets customarily used for trap and skeet are to be used.
- On a standard trap field, the shooter should be positioned 8 yards behind the trap house. The trap should be set to throw only straightaway targets.
- On a skeet field, use station 7 low house.

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