

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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Name:

OPTION A—SHOTGUN SHOOTING (Modern Shotshell 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.

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: Identify the principal parts of a shotgun, action types, and how they function.

REQUIREMENT B: Identify and demonstrate the rules for safely handling a shotgun.

REQUIREMENT C: Identify the parts of a shotgun shell and their functions.

REQUIREMENT D: Identify the various gauges of shotguns. Explain which one you would pick for use and why.

REQUIREMENT E: Identify and explain the fundamentals of safely shooting a shotgun. Explain what a misfire, hangfire, and squib fire are, and explain the procedures to follow in response to each.

REQUIREMENT F: Identify and explain each rule for safely shooting a shotgun.

REQUIREMENT G: Demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and attitude necessary to safely shoot moving targets, using the fundamentals of shotgun shooting.

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REQUIREMENT H: Identify the materials needed to clean a shotgun.

REQUIREMENT I: Demonstrate how to clean a shotgun properly and safely.

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REQUIREMENT J: Discuss what points you would consider in selecting a shotgun.

REQUIREMENT K: Shooting score required—Hit at least 12 out of 25 targets (48 percent) in two 25-target groups. The two groups need not be shot in consecutive order. A minimum of 50 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 12 gauge may be used.
- Only commercially manufactured ammunition may be used. Reloads may not be used in BSA shooting sports programs.
- Shooters must shoot in rounds of 25. Rounds need not be shot continuously or on the same day (the term “round” refers to a single series of 25 shots).
- If using a trap field, shoot station 3 with traps set to throw straightaway targets.
- If using a skeet field, shoot station 7 low house.

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