

SNOW SPORTS MERIT BADGE WORKBOOK

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

Consider also using the Snow Sports 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/snow-sports/>

Scout's
Name:

Snowshoeing Option

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 to your counselor the hazards you are most likely to encounter while participating in snow sport activities, and what you should do to anticipate, help prevent, mitigate, and respond to these hazards.

Most likely hazards

Anticipate hazards

Prevent hazards

Mitigate hazards

Respond to hazards

REQUIREMENT B: Discuss first aid and prevention for the types of injuries or illnesses that could occur while participating in snow sports, including hypothermia, frostbite, shock, dehydration, sunburn, fractures, bruises, sprains, and strains. Tell how to apply splints.

Hypothermia

Frostbite

Shock

Dehydration

Sunburn

Fractures

Bruises

Sprains and strains

REQUIREMENT 2: Do the following:

REQUIREMENT A: Explain why every snow sport participant should be prepared to render first aid in the event of an accident.

REQUIREMENT B: Explain the procedure used to report an accident to the local ski patrol or local emergency personnel.

REQUIREMENT 3: Explain the international trail-marking system.

REQUIREMENT 4: Discuss the importance of strength, endurance, and flexibility in snow sports. Demonstrate exercises and activities you can do to get fit for the option you choose in requirement 7.

REQUIREMENT 5: Present yourself properly clothed and equipped for the option you choose in requirement 7. Discuss how the clothing you have chosen will help keep you warm and protected.

REQUIREMENT 6: Do EACH of the following:

REQUIREMENT A: Tell the meaning of the Your Responsibility Code for skiers, snowboarders, and snowshoers. Explain why each rider must follow this code.

REQUIREMENT B: Explain the Smart Style safety program. Tell why it is important and how it applies to participants at snow sport venues like terrain parks and pipes.

REQUIREMENT C: Explain the precautions pertaining to avalanche safety, including the responsibility of individuals regarding avalanche safety.

REQUIREMENT D: Tell the meaning of the Wilderness Use Policy. Explain why each skier and snowboarder must adopt this policy.

REQUIREMENT 7: Complete ALL of the requirements for ONE of the following options: downhill (Alpine) skiing OR cross-country (Nordic) OR snowboarding OR snowshoeing.

Snowshoeing Option

REQUIREMENT A: Name the parts of a snowshoe.

REQUIREMENT B: Explain how to choose the correct size of snowshoe.

REQUIREMENT C: Describe the different types of snowshoes and their specialized uses. Discuss factors to consider when choosing a snowshoe.

REQUIREMENT D: Explain how to properly care for and maintain snowshoes.

REQUIREMENT E: List the items you would take on a one-day snowshoe hike.

REQUIREMENT F: Describe areas that are best for snowshoeing. Discuss some advantages and dangers of backcountry snowshoeing.

REQUIREMENT G: Discuss the benefits of snowshoeing.

REQUIREMENT H: Demonstrate the most efficient ways to break trail, climb uphill, travel downhill, and traverse a slope.

Completed

REQUIREMENT I: Demonstrate your ability, on a 2-mile snowshoe hike, to cope with an average variety to snow conditions.

Completed

REQUIREMENT J: Demonstrate the proper use of a topographic map and compass.

Completed