

WILDERNESS SURVIVAL MERIT BADGE WORKBOOK

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

Consider also using the Wilderness Survival 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/wilderness-survival/>

Scout's
Name:

REQUIREMENT 1: Do the following:

REQUIREMENT 1 A: Explain to your counselor the hazards you are most likely to encounter while participating in wilderness survival activities, and what you should do to anticipate, help prevent, mitigate, or lessen these hazards.

Most likely hazards

Anticipate hazards

Prevent hazards

Mitigate hazards

Lessen hazards

REQUIREMENT 1 B: Show that you know first aid for and how to prevent injuries or illnesses that could occur in backcountry settings, including hypothermia, heat reactions, frostbite, dehydration, blisters, insect stings, tick bites, and snakebites.

Hypothermia

Heat reactions

Frostbite

Dehydration

Blisters

Insect stings

Tick bites

Snakebites

REQUIREMENT 2: From memory, list the seven priorities for survival in a backcountry or wilderness location. Explain the importance of each one with your counselor.

Most important priority and why it's important

Second most important priority and why it's important

Next priority and why it's important

Next priority and why it's important

Next priority and why it's important

Next priority and why it's important

Least important priority and why it's still important

REQUIREMENT 3: Discuss ways to avoid panic and maintain a high level of morale when lost, and explain why this is important.

REQUIREMENT 4: Describe the steps you would take to survive in the following exposure conditions:

REQUIREMENT 4 A: Cold and snowy

REQUIREMENT 4 B: Wet

REQUIREMENT 4 C: Hot and dry

REQUIREMENT 4 D: Windy

REQUIREMENT 4 E: At or on the water

REQUIREMENT 5: Put together a personal survival kit and explain how each item in it could be useful.

Assembled a personal survival kit

Explain how each item could be useful

REQUIREMENT 6: Using three different methods (other than matches), build and light three fires.

First method

Second method

Third method

REQUIREMENT 7: Do the following:

REQUIREMENT 7 A: Show five different ways to attract attention when lost.

Completed

REQUIREMENT 7 B: Demonstrate how to use a signal mirror.

Completed

REQUIREMENT 7 C: Describe from memory five ground-to-air signals and tell what they mean.

Completed

REQUIREMENT 8: Improvise a natural shelter. For the purpose of this demonstration, use techniques that have little negative impact on the environment. Spend a night in your shelter.

Completed

REQUIREMENT 9: Explain how to protect yourself from insects, reptiles, bears, and other animals of the local region.

REQUIREMENT 10: Demonstrate three ways to treat water found in the outdoors to prepare it for drinking.

First method

Second method

Third method

REQUIREMENT 11: Show that you know the proper clothing to wear while in the outdoors during extremely hot and cold weather and during wet conditions.

Completed

REQUIREMENT 12: Explain why it usually is not wise to eat edible wild plants or wildlife in a wilderness survival situation.