

CAMPING MERIT BADGE

Prerequisites

Please have these requirements completed ahead of time that way the class will progress more smoothly. It would also be wise of you to pick up the merit badge book and to read the book

1. Do Requirement 2: Learn the **Leave No Trace** principles and **the Outdoor Code** and explain what they mean. Write a personal plan for implementing these principles on your next outing.
2. Make a written plan for an overnight trek and show how to get to your camping spot using a topographical map and compass OR a topographical map and a GPS receiver. (You will need show me how to use a compass or GPS receiver with a map)
3. Do the following: *(Please have your Scoutmaster write me a note that you have completed this)*
 - a. Make a duty roster showing how your patrol is organized for an actual overnight campout. List assignments for each member.
 - b. Help a Scout patrol or a Webelos Scout unit in your area prepare for an actual campout, including creating the duty roster, menu planning, equipment needs, general planning, and setting up camp.
4. Do the following:
 - a. Prepare a list of clothing you would need for overnight campouts in both warm and cold weather.
 - e. Present yourself to your Scoutmaster with your pack for inspection. Be correctly clothed and equipped for an overnight campout. *(Have your Scoutmaster write me a note that you completed this)*
5. Prepare for an overnight campout with your patrol by doing the following:
 - a. Make a checklist of personal and patrol gear that will be needed.
 - b. Pack your own gear and your share of the patrol equipment and food for proper carrying. Show that your pack is right for quickly getting what is needed first, and that it has been assembled properly for comfort, weight, balance, size, and neatness. *(Please bring your pack to the class)*

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6. Do the following:

- a. Prepare a camp menu. Explain how the menu would differ from a menu for a backpacking or float trip. Give recipes and make a food list for your patrol. Plan two breakfasts, three lunches and two suppers. Discuss how to protect your food against bad weather, animals, and contamination.
- b. Cook at least one breakfast, one lunch, and one dinner for your patrol from the meals you have planned for requirement 8c. At least one of those meals must be a trail meal requiring the use of a lightweight stove. *(Have your Scoutmaster write me a note that you have done this)*

7. Show experience in camping by doing the following:

- a. Camp a total of at least 20 days and 20 nights. Sleep each night under the sky or in a tent you have pitched. The 20 days and 20 nights must be at a designated Scouting activity or event. You may use a week of long-term camp toward this requirement. If the camp provides a tent that has already been pitched, you need not pitch your own tent(Have your Scoutmaster write me a note that you completed this)
- b. On any of these camping experiences, you must do TWO of the following, only with proper preparation and under qualified supervision: *(Have your Scoutmaster write me a note that you completed this)*

1. Hike up a mountain, gaining at least 1,000 vertical feet.
2. Backpack, snowshoe, or cross-country ski for at least 4 miles.
3. Take a bike trip of at least 15 miles or at least four hours.
4. Take an nonmotorized trip on the water of at least four hours or 5 miles.
5. Plan and carry out an overnight snow camping experience.
6. Rappel down a rappel route of 30 feet or more.

8. Perform a conservation project approved by the landowner or land managing agency. *(Have your Scoutmaster write me a note that you completed this)*