



CAMPING

Merit Badge Requirements

- 1) Show that you know first aid for injuries or illnesses that could occur while camping, including hypothermia, heatstroke, heat exhaustion, frostbite, dehydration, sunburn, insect stings, tick bites, snakebite, and blisters.
- 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.
- 3) Make a written plan for an overnight trek and explain how to get to your camping spot using a topographical map and compass.
- 4) Make a chart showing how a typical patrol is organized for an overnight campout. List assignments for each member.
- 5) Do the following:
 - A) Prepare a list of clothing you would need for an overnight campouts in warm weather and in cold weather
 - B) Discuss footwear for different kinds of weather and how the right footwear is important for protecting your feet.
 - C) Explain the proper care and storage of camping equipment (clothing, footwear, bedding).
 - D) Explain the term "layering".
 - E) Present yourself with your pack for inspection. Be correctly clothed and equipped for an overnight campout.
- 6) Do the following:
 - A) Describe the features of four types of tents and how to care for tents. Working with another Scout, pitch a tent.
 - B) Discuss the reasons and methods of water purification. Discuss camp sanitation.
 - C) Tell the difference between "internal" and "external" frame packs. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of each.
 - D) Discuss the types of sleeping bags and what kind would be suitable for different conditions. Explain the proper care of your sleeping bag. Make a comfortable ground bed.
- 7) 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) Prepare a camp menu that is right for backpacking. 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.
 - C) Pack your own gear and your share of the patrol gear 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.
- 8) Do the following:
 - A) Explain the safety procedures when using a:
 - 1) Propane or butane / propane stove
 - 2) Liquid fuel stove
 - B) Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of different types of lightweight cooking stoves
 - C) Cook for your patrol a trail meal requiring the use of a lightweight stove.
- 9) Show experience in camping by doing the following:
 - A) Camp out a total of at least 20 days and 20 nights. (You may use a week of long-term camp toward this requirement.) Sleep each night under the sky or under a tent you have pitched.
 - B) On any of these camping experiences, you must to TWO of the following, only with proper preparation and qualified supervision:
 - 1) Hike up a mountain, gaining at least 2,000 vertical feet.
 - 2) Backpack for at least four miles.
 - 3) Take a bike trip of at least 15 miles or at least four hours.
 - 4) Plan and carry out a float trip of at least four hours.
 - 5) Rappel down a rappel route of 30 feet or more.
 - 6) On one of your campouts, perform a conservation project approved in advance by the private land owner or public land management agency.
- 10) Discuss how the things you did to earn this badge have taught you personal health and safety, survival, public health, conservation, and good citizenship.

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Requirement 1

Describe first aid for the following:

Hypothermia: _____

Heatstroke: _____

Heat Exhaustion: _____

Frostbite: _____

Dehydration: _____

Sunburn: _____

Insect Stings: _____

Tick Bites: _____

Snakebite: _____

Blisters: _____

Requirement 2

What are the No Trace Principles & what do they mean? _____

What is the Outdoor Code & what does it mean? _____

Write your personal plan for implementing the No Trace Principles & the Outdoor Code on your next outing: _____

Requirement 3

Make a written plan for an overnight trek and explain how to get to your camping spot using a topographical map and compass. Write your plan below and do your best to describe using the map and compass. Demonstrate finding your camping spot to your counselor or leader: _____

Requirement 4

Use the area below to make a chart showing how a typical patrol is organized for an overnight campout. List each member of your patrol and also list each patrol members assignments

Requirement 5

Prepare a list of clothing you would need for an overnight camp out in warm weather and in cold weather:

WARM WEATHER

COLD WEATHER

List the kinds of footwear for different kinds of weather:

How is the right footwear important for protecting your feet? _____

Explain proper care and storage of camping equipment:

Clothing: _____

Footwear: _____

Bedding: _____

Other: _____

Explain what "layering" means: _____

Present yourself with your pack for inspection. Be correctly clothed and equipped for an overnight campout. Have your leader or counselor initial here when complete: _____

Requirement 6

Describe the features of four types of tents. And, although not required for the badge, describe some of the good points and some of the bad points of each tent design or type.



Tent Kind: _____
 Good Points And Bad Points: _____



Tent Kind: _____
 Good Points And Bad Points: _____



Tent Kind: _____
 Good Points And Bad Points: _____



Tent Kind: _____
 Good Points And Bad Points: _____

Describe the basic care and storage for tents:

With another Scout helping you, pitch a tent correctly and in a good location. Have your leader initial when complete: _____

Why do you purify water? _____

List some water purification methods: _____

In the area below, discuss camp sanitation. List what it means, how it is done, and why it is important on every campout: _____

What is the difference between an internal and an external frame backpack? _____

List the advantages, disadvantages, and main use for an external frame backpack and an internal frame backpack:



External Frame Backpack

Advantages: _____

Disadvantages: _____

Main Uses: _____



Internal Frame Backpack

Advantages: _____

Disadvantages: _____

Main Uses: _____

Discuss the types of sleeping bags available: _____

What are some of the qualities you want in a general purpose sleeping bag? _____

Of the bags available you described above, list which kind would be best and the one you would use for the following conditions:

Summer Camping
Sleeping bag type: _____ Why?

Winter Camping:
Sleeping bag type: _____ Why?

Backpacking Trip:
Sleeping bag type: _____ Why?

Explain proper care of your sleeping bag: _____

Make a comfortable ground bed. Sleep on it. Have your leader or counselor initial here when complete: _____

Requirement 7

Prepare for an overnight camp-out with your patrol by doing the following:

Make a checklist of personal and patrol gear that will be needed

<u>Personal</u>		<u>Patrol</u>	
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Prepare a camp menu that is right for backpacking. Give recipes. Make a food list for your patrol. Plan two breakfasts, three lunches, and two suppers.

<u>MENU</u>	<u>Recipes</u>	<u>Patrol Food List</u>
	<u>Grocery Store List</u>	

<u>Breakfast Menu</u>	<u>Breakfast Menu</u>	<u>Lunch Menu</u>	<u>Lunch Menu</u>	<u>Lunch Menu</u>	<u>Supper Menu</u>	<u>Supper Menu</u>

Discuss how to protect your food against bad weather, animals, and contamination: _____

Tell (and show your counselor) how you packed your gear and your share of the patrol gear and food for proper carrying: _____

Show your Coach or Merit Badge Counselor that your pack is right for getting what's needed first, and that it has been assembled properly for comfort, weight, balance, size and neatness. Tell the importance of each: _____

Requirement 8

Explain the safety procedures when using a propane or butane stove: _____

Explain the safety procedures when using a liquid fuel stove: _____

What are some of the advantages of lightweight cooking stoves? _____

What are some of the disadvantages of lightweight cooking stoves?

Cook for your patrol a trail meal requiring the use of a lightweight stove.

What trail meal did you cook for your patrol: _____

Was it easy or hard? Describe your experience, likes, and dislikes with the using of a lightweight stove? _____

Requirement 9

Show experience in camping by doing the following:

Camp out a total of at least 20 days and 20 nights. Sleep each night under the sky or under a tent you have pitched. List the places you went on your campouts and number of nights spent:

Where: _____	Nights: _____	Where: _____	Nights: _____
Where: _____	Nights: _____	Where: _____	Nights: _____
Where: _____	Nights: _____	Where: _____	Nights: _____
Where: _____	Nights: _____	Where: _____	Nights: _____
Where: _____	Nights: _____	Where: _____	Nights: _____
Where: _____	Nights: _____	Where: _____	Nights: _____
Where: _____	Nights: _____	Where: _____	Nights: _____
Where: _____	Nights: _____	Where: _____	Nights: _____

On any of your camping trips you must do two of the following activities. Place a check next to the two activities you did and tell about your experience:

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hike up a mountain, gaining at least 2,000 vertical feet | <input type="checkbox"/> Backpack for at least four miles: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plan and carry out a float trip of at least 4 hours | <input type="checkbox"/> Take a bike trip of at least 15 miles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rappel down a rappel route of 30ft or more | <input type="checkbox"/> Perform a conservation project |

Details about experience 1: _____

Details about experience 2: _____

Requirement 10

Discuss how the things you did to earn this badge have taught you personal health and safety, survival, public health, conservation, and good citizenship: _____

