

CAMPING Merit Badge



(Eagle Scout Required!)

NAME OF SCOUT: _____

FIRST:

Read the Camping Merit Badge Book

Get a Blue Card signed by the Scoutmaster, Mr. Cole **Date:** _____

Talk to Mr. Benyi (Camping Merit Badge Counselor) **Date:** _____

THEN,

EXPLAIN

EXPLAIN the most likely hazards you may encounter when camping, and what you should do to 1) anticipate 2) Help prevent 3) mitigate, and 4) respond to those hazards.

Date: _____ (**Requirement #1a**)

LEARN and BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN:

The Leave No Trace Principles

AND

The Outdoor Code

AND

WRITE a personal plan for implementing these on your next trip:

Date: _____ (**Requirement #2**)

WRITE a list of clothing needed for overnight campouts in warm and cold weather

AND

EXPLAIN the term “Layering” in how you plan your clothing for a camping trip **Date:**

_____ (**Requirement #5a**)

	Warm Weather Clothing

	Cold Weather Clothing

Date: _____ (**Requirement 5d**)

DESCRIBE the 4 types of tents, when and where they could be used, and how to care for tents **Date:** _____ (**Requirement 6a**)

DESCRIBE what you should consider when deciding where to pitch your tent. **Date:** _____ (**Requirement 6c**)

EXPLAIN the difference between internal and external frame packs, and **EXPLAIN** the advantages and disadvantages of each. **Date:** _____ (**Requirement 6d**)

DISCUSS the types of sleeping bags and what kind would be suitable under different conditions.

AND

EXPLAIN the proper care of a sleeping bag and how to keep it dry.

Date: _____ (**Requirement 6e**)

EXPLAIN the safety procedures for

- A propane or butane/propane stove
- Using a liquid fuel stove
- Proper storage of extra fuel
- **Date:** _____ (**Requirement 8a**)

DISCUSS the advantages and disadvantages of different types of lightweight cooking stoves. **Date:** _____ (**Requirement 8b**)

DISCUSS how to protect your food against bad weather, animals, and contamination.

Date: _____ (**Requirement 8c**)

DEMONSTRATE

First Aid for:

- a. Hypothermia **Date:** _____

- b. Frostbite **Date:** _____
- c. Heat Reactions **Date:** _____
- d. Dehydration **Date:** _____
- e. Altitude Sickness **Date:** _____
- f. Insect stings **Date:** _____
- g. Tick bites **Date:** _____
- h. Snakebites **Date:** _____
- i. Blisters **Date:** _____
- j. Hyperventilation **Date:** _____

All done? Date _____ **(Requirement #1b)**

PLAN FOR AN OVERNIGHT CAMPOUT:

WRITE a plan for an overnight trek showing how to get to camping site using a topographic map and compass OR using a topographic map and a GPS unit.

Date: _____ **(Requirement #3)**

WRITE a duty roster showing how your patrol is organized for an overnight campout, listing assignments for each member. **Date:** _____ **(Requirement #4a)**

HELP a Patrol (or a Webelos unit) to prepare for an actual campout:

- a. Create a duty roster
- b. Plan a menu
- c. List equipment needs & general planning for setting up camp

Date: _____ **(Requirement #4b)**

WRITE a checklist of personal and patrol gear that will be needed for an overnight campout

	Personal Gear

	Personal Gear

	Patrol Gear

	Patrol Gear

Date: _____ (Requirement 7a)

WRITE a camp menu for the campout. **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 2 breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 2 suppers

Breakfast #1

Food List	Recipe

Breakfast #2

Food List	Recipe

Lunch #1

Food List	Recipe

Lunch#2

Food List	Recipe

Lunch #3

Food List	Recipe

Supper #1

Food List	Recipe

Food List	Recipe

Supper #2

Food List	Recipe

Date: _____ (Requirement 8c)

DO BEFORE A CAMPOUT:

PRESENT yourself to your campout with pack for inspection to your scoutmaster, be correctly clothed and equipped for an overnight campout. **Date:** _____
(Requirement 5e)

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 **Date:** _____
(Requirement 7b)

DURING A CAMPOUT:

PITCH a tent with another scout **Date:** _____ (Requirement 6a)

DISCUSS the importance of camp sanitation, and why water treatment is essential

AND DEMONSTRATE 2 ways to treat water: _____, and _____ **Date:** _____ **(Requirement 6b)**

MAKE a comfortable ground bed (clear the ground, use a groundcloth, pad, etc.). **Date:** _____ **(Requirement 6e)**

COOK at least 1 breakfast, 1 lunch, and 1 dinner for your patrol from the meals you planned in requirement 8c. - Use the meal planning you did under "BEFORE the Campout, above). **COOK** at least one of those meals as a trail meal requiring a lightweight stove.

Breakfast: _____ **(date)** _____
Lunch: _____ **(date)** _____
Supper: _____ **(date)** _____
(Requirement 8d)

CAMP

at least 20 days and 20 nights at a designated Scouting activity! (9a)

Date: _____

Up to 6 nights spent at BSA Summer Camp count towards this!

Where	Month/Year	How Many Nights	Activities (9b)

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Total Nights Camping:			

DO two of the following on the above BSA camping experiences: (9b) - List in the column on the right above **Date:** _____ **(Requirement 9b)**

1. Hike up a mountain with 1000 vertical feet gain
2. Backpack/snowshoe/ski for at least 4 miles Fossil Springs Trail Backpacking Trip - 08/26/2011 (twice - 4 miles down, 4 miles back)
3. Take a bike trip for at least 15 miles or at least 4 hours
4. Take a non-motorized trip on the water for at least 4 hours or 5 miles
5. Plan and carry out an overnight snow camping experience
6. Rappel down a rappel route of 30 feet

DO a conservation project approved by the landowner or land managing agency. (for example:) Cleared fire hazard wood at 2012 Geronimo Camp - July 2012

Date: _____ **(Requirement 9c)**

FINALLY,

DISCUSS how the things you did to earn this badge have taught you about:

- personal health and safety
- survival

- public health
- conservation
- good citizenship

AND

EXPLAIN how Scout Spirit and the Scout Oath and Law apply to camping and outdoor ethics. **Date:** _____ **(Requirement 10)**

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DATE ALL REQUIREMENTS COMPLETED: _____