SCOUTMASTER BUCKY
Camping Merit Badge Workbook

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Scouts participating in a Scoutmaster Bucky merit badge opportunity, whether online or in person, should consider using the Camping merit badge pamphlet for discovery and knowledge, along with the class preparation pages for clarifications, insights, and expectations. These resources are available here:

https://scoutmasterbucky.com/merit-badges/camping/

REQUIREMENT 5e REQUIRES SCOUTMASTER APPROVAL.

REQUIREMENT 1a:	Explain to your counselor the most likely hazards you may encounter while participating in camping activities and what you should do to anticipate, help prevent, mitigate, and respond to these hazards.
HAZARD #1	
Description:	
Anticipate:	
Help Prevent:	
Mitigate:	
Respond:	

HAZARD #2
Description:
Anticipate:
Help Prevent:
Mitigate:
Respond:

HAZARD #3
Description:
Anticipate:
Help Prevent:
Mitigate:
Respond:

HAZARD #4
Description:
Anticipate:
Help Prevent:
Mitigate:
Respond:

HAZARD #5
Description:
Anticipate:
Help Prevent:
Mitigate:
Respond:

HAZARD #6
Description:
Anticipate:
Help Prevent:
Mitigate:
Respond:

REQUIREMENT 1b:	Discuss with your counselor why it is important to be aware of weather conditions before and during your camping activities.

Notes:

REQUIREMENT 1b:	Tell how you can prepare should the weather turn bad during your campouts.

Notes:

REQUIREMENT 1c:	Show that you know first aid for and how to prevent injuries or illnesses that could occur while camping, including hypothermia, frostbite, heat reactions, dehydration, altitude sickness, insect stings, tick bites, snakebite, blisters, hyperventilation.

Hypothermia:

Frostbite:

Heat Reactions:

Dehydration:

Altitude Sickness:

Insect Stings:
Tick Bites:
Snakebite:
Blisters:
Hyperventilation:

REQUIREMENT 2: Learn the Leave No Trace Seven Principles and explain what they mean.

Notes:

REQUIREMENT 2: Learn the Outdoor Code and explain what it means.

Notes:

REQUIREMENT 2:	Write a personal and group plan for implementing these principles on your next outing.

Personal Plan:

Group Plan:

REQUIREMENT 3:	Make a written plan for an overnight trek and show how to get to your camping spot by using a topographical map and one of the following: a. Compass b. GPS receiver c. Smartphone with a GPS app
IF A GPS-EQUIPPED DEVICE IS NOT AVAILABLE, EXPLAIN HOW TO USE ONE TO GET TO YOUR CAMPING SPOT.	
REQUIREMENT 3:	Make a written plan for an overnight trek.
Consider using the Scout Planning Worksheet to help complete this Requirement.	

Backpacking Trip Planner

Trip details

Where

- Area
- Starting point
- Ending point
- Specific trails or routes
- Potential route changes, like side-trips, extensions, and shortcuts
- Anticipated mileage or vertical gain
- Link to your maps, or to maps, guide(s), or trip report(s) that you heavily referenced

When

- Entry date and time
- Exit date and time

Who

- All group members, if applicable

Emergency

- Contact info for your emergency contacts
- Contact info for emergency personnel in the area (e.g., sheriff, NPS dispatch, bush pilot)
- Emergency protocol: "Grace period" after intended exit date before emergency personnel is contacted

Permit

- If reserved: Permit number, entry trailhead and/or designated campsites, group size, where & when to pick it up in-person
- If not reserved: Where and when to obtain it, and details about your primary and backup itineraries

Travel

- Method(s)
- Reservation details for cars, motel rooms, shuttle

Route Info

If there is not a single definitive guide for your trip, or if you wish to supplement your guide with information that you obtained elsewhere (e.g., online trip reports, forum threads, phone calls), place it here.

Itinerary & Lodging

Day 1 – Day, Month, Date
Summary of daily agenda and plan – Lots and lots of detail.

Overnight Trek Plan:

REQUIREMENT 4a: Make a duty roster showing how your patrol is organized for an actual overnight campout. List assignments for each member.

Sample Patrol Weekend Camping Duty Roster

Patrol: _____ **Camping Trip:** _____

Responsibilities:

Cook	Assistant Cook	Cleanup #1	Cleanup #2
Prepare meals and clean stove.	Assist cook as needed and boil water for washing dishes and supervise cleanup	Wash dishes and clean up patrol box.	Clean up patrol area, dispose of trash and refill water container.

Friday Campsite Set Up: All Patrol Members

Saturday Breakfast:

Cook	Assistant Cook	Cleanup #1	Cleanup #2

Saturday Lunch:

Cook	Assistant Cook	Cleanup #1	Cleanup #2

Saturday Dinner:

Cook	Assistant Cook	Cleanup #1	Cleanup #2

Sunday Breakfast:

Cook	Assistant Cook	Cleanup #1	Cleanup #2

Sunday Lunch:

Cook	Assistant Cook	Cleanup #1	Cleanup #2

Sunday Campsite Breakdown: All Patrol Members

REQUIREMENT 4b:	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.

DUTY ROSTER:

Sample Patrol Weekend Camping Duty Roster

Patrol: _____ **Camping Trip:** _____

Responsibilities:

Cook	Assistant Cook	Cleanup #1	Cleanup #2
Prepare meals and clean stove.	Assist cook as needed and boil water for washing dishes and supervise cleanup	Wash dishes and clean up patrol box.	Clean up patrol area, dispose of trash and refill water container.

Friday Campsite Set Up: All Patrol Members

Saturday Breakfast:

Cook	Assistant Cook	Cleanup #1	Cleanup #2

Saturday Lunch:

Cook	Assistant Cook	Cleanup #1	Cleanup #2

Saturday Dinner:

Cook	Assistant Cook	Cleanup #1	Cleanup #2

Sunday Breakfast:

Cook	Assistant Cook	Cleanup #1	Cleanup #2

Sunday Lunch:

Cook	Assistant Cook	Cleanup #1	Cleanup #2

Sunday Campsite Breakdown: All Patrol Members

MENU PLANNING:

Sample Weekend Camping Trip Menu

Patrol: _____ **Camping Trip:** _____

Friday Night Cracker-barrel	Preparation Instructions
food: _____ food: _____ drink: _____ extra: _____	
Saturday Breakfast	**Preparation Instructions**
main: _____ side: _____ drink: _____ fruit: _____ extra: _____ extra: _____	
Saturday Lunch	**Preparation Instructions**
main: _____ side: _____ bread: _____ drink: _____ fruit: _____ extra: _____ extra: _____	

Sample Weekend Camping Trip Menu (continued)

Patrol: _____ **Camping Trip:** _____

Saturday Dinner	Preparation Instructions
main: _____ side: _____ side: _____ bread: _____ drink: _____ fruit: _____ extra: _____ extra: _____	

Saturday Night Cracker-barrel	Preparation Instructions
food: _____ food: _____ drink: _____ extra: _____	

Sunday Breakfast	Preparation Instructions
main: _____ side: _____ drink: _____ fruit: _____ extra: _____ extra: _____	

Sample Weekend Camping Trip Menu (continued)

Patrol: _____ **Camping Trip:** _____

Sunday Lunch	Preparation Instructions
main: _____ side: _____ bread: _____ drink: _____ fruit: _____ extra: _____ extra: _____	

Notes:

EQUIPMENT NEEDS:

Sample Weekend Camping Equipment List

Patrol: _____ **Camping Trip:** _____

	Equipment/Description	In Box		Clean		Comments
		Yes	No	Yes	No	
	Patrol Box:	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	Stove	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	Stove-hose connector	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	Propane Hose	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	Propane Stem	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	Propane Lantern	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	Pots and Pans	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	Large pot	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	Large pot lid	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	Medium pot with lid	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	Small pot with lid	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	Coffee pot with lid	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	Pot handles (2)	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	Chef's Kit:	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	Large knife	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	Serrated knife	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	Paring knife, small	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	Stirring spoon	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	Slotted spoon	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	Ladle	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	Spatula	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	Two prong fork	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	Can opener	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	Hot mitts (2)	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	Griddle	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	Plastic dishwashing boxes (3)	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	Saw	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	Shovel	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	Grill, fire	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	Bleach / Soap	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	Brillo Pads	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	Matches	☐	☐	☐	☐	
		☐	☐	☐	☐	
		☐	☐	☐	☐	
		☐	☐	☐	☐	
		☐	☐	☐	☐	

Sample Weekend Camping Equipment List (continued)

Patrol: _____ **Camping Trip:** _____

	Equipment/Description	In Box		Clean		Comments
		Yes	No	Yes	No	
	Tent Bag:	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	First tent	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	Second tent	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	Third tent	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	Dining fly	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	3 ground plastic sheets	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	32 stakes	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	Dining fly pole bag:	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	Upright poles (4)	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	Ridge pole (3 pieces)	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	SPECIAL EQUIPMENT FOR TRIP:					
		☐	☐	☐	☐	
		☐	☐	☐	☐	
		☐	☐	☐	☐

GENERAL PLANNING:

Notes:

SETTING UP CAMP:

Notes:

REQUIREMENT 5a:	Prepare a list of clothing you would need for overnight campouts in both warm and cold weather. Explain the term "layering.".

Warm Weather Clothing List	Cold Weather Clothing List

REQUIREMENT 5a:	Explain the term "layering".

Notes:

REQUIREMENT 5b:	Discuss footwear for different kinds of weather.

Notes:

REQUIREMENT 5b:	Discuss how the right footwear is important for protecting your feet.

Notes:

REQUIREMENT 5c:	Explain the proper care and storage of camping equipment (clothing, footwear, bedding).
Notes:	

REQUIREMENT 5d:	List the outdoor essentials necessary for any campout, and explain why each item is needed.
ITEM #1:	
Name:	
Notes:	
ITEM #2:	
Name:	
Notes:	

ITEM #3:
Name:
Notes:
ITEM #4:
Name:
Notes:
ITEM #5:
Name:
Notes:
ITEM #6:
Name:
Notes:

ITEM #7:
Name:
Notes:
ITEM #8:
Name:
Notes:
ITEM #9:
Name:
Notes:
ITEM #10:
Name:
Notes:

REQUIREMENT 5e:	Present yourself to your Scoutmaster with your pack for inspection. Be correctly clothed and equipped for an overnight campout.

This requirement must be reviewed with your merit badge counselor **AFTER** presenting yourself to your Scoutmaster

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BE PREPARED!

SCOUTMASTER APPROVAL: IS REQUIRED.

Counselor's Name	Phone or Email
Counselor's Signature	Date ☐ *approved*

REQUIREMENT 6a:	Describe the features of four types of tents, when and where they could be used.

TENT #1:

Tent Type:

Features:

When Used:

Where Used:

TENT #2:
Tent Type:
Features:
When Used:
Where Used:
TENT #3:
Tent Type:
Features:
When Used:
Where Used:

TENT #4:
Tent Type:
Features:
When Used:
Where Used:

REQUIREMENT 6a:	Describe how to care for tents.
Notes:	

REQUIREMENT 6a: Working with another Scout, pitch a tent.

Note that you will likely be able to complete this requirement within your unit on a troop camp out, be sure to get an adult leader's signature to validate your completion of this requirement component

This requirement must be reviewed with your merit badge counselor.

BE PREPARED!

Adult Leader's Name

Phone or Email

Adult Leader's Signature

Date ☐ *completed*

REQUIREMENT 6b: Discuss the importance of camp sanitation.

Notes:

REQUIREMENT 6b:	Tell why water treatment is essential.

Notes:

REQUIREMENT 6b:	Demonstrate two ways to treat water.

Consider using the Camping Merit Badge Pamphlet for preparation information

This requirement must be reviewed with your merit badge counselor.

BE PREPARED!

REQUIREMENT 6c:	Describe the factors to be considered in deciding where to pitch your tent.

Notes:

REQUIREMENT 6d:	Tell the difference between internal- and external-frame packs. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of each.
INTERNAL-FRAME PACK	EXTERNAL-FRAME PACK
Differences	Differences
Advantages	Advantages
Disadvantages	Disadvantages

REQUIREMENT 6e:	Discuss the types of sleeping bags and what kind would be suitable for different conditions.

Notes:

REQUIREMENT 6e:	Explain the proper care of your sleeping bag and how to keep it dry.

Notes:

REQUIREMENT 6e:	Make a comfortable ground bed.

Consider using the Camping Merit Badge Pamphlet for preparation information

This requirement must be reviewed with your merit badge counselor.

BE PREPARED!

REQUIREMENT 7a:	Prepare for an overnight campout with your patrol by making a checklist of personal and patrol gear that will be needed.

Personal Gear	Patrol Gear

REQUIREMENT 7b:	Prepare for an overnight campout with your patrol by packing 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.

Don't forget to bring your pack to show your merit badge counselor

Consider using the Camping Merit Badge Pamphlet for preparation information

This requirement must be reviewed with your merit badge counselor.

BE PREPARED!

REQUIREMENT 8a:	Explain the safety procedures for using a propane or butane/propane stove.

Notes:

REQUIREMENT 8a:	Explain the safety procedures for using a liquid fuel stove.

Notes:

REQUIREMENT 8a:	Explain the safety procedures for proper storage of extra fuel.

Notes:

REQUIREMENT 8b:	Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of different types of lightweight cooking stoves.

Cooking Stove Type #1:

Advantages	Disadvantages

Cooking Stove Type #2:

Advantages	Disadvantages

Cooking Stove Type #3:	
Advantages	Disadvantages
Cooking Stove Type #4:	
Advantages	Disadvantages

REQUIREMENT 8c: Prepare a camp menu.

CAMPING MEAL PLAN

	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
BREAKFAST							
LUNCH							
SNACK							
DINNER							
DESSERT							

REQUIREMENT 8c: Explain how the menu would differ from a menu for a backpacking or float trip.

Notes:

REQUIREMENT 8c: Give recipes.

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CAMPFIRE RECIPE CARD

CAST IRON CHEF

Ingredients:	Directions:

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Ingredients:	Directions:

REQUIREMENT 8c: Give recipes.

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CAST IRON CHEF

Ingredients:	Directions:

REQUIREMENT 8c: Make a food list for your patrol.

Sample Patrol Food List

PRODUCE
Apples
Oranges
Grapes
Bananas
Berries
Melon
Peaches
Lemons / Limes

Corn
Cherry Tomatoes
Cucumbers
Bell Peppers
Potatoes
Zucchini
Carrots
Avocados
Salad Lettuce
Onions & Garlic
Fresh Herbs

DAIRY
Milk
Creamer
Yogurt
Cheese
Cream Cheese
Sour Cream
Butter

PANTRY / STAPLES
Bread
Wraps / Tortillas
English Muffins
Bagels
Pancake Mix
Oats
Granola / Cereal
Peanut Butter
Mac & Cheese
Rice Sides
Pasta
Sauces
Beans
Soups

PROTEINS
Eggs
Chicken
Steak
Ground Beef
Bacon
Sausages / Brats
Fish / Shrimp
Tofu / Meat Alternative
Cold Cuts

DRINKS
Coffee & Tea
Juice / Juice Mix
Hot Cocoa Mix
Water

SNACKS
Trail Mix
Chips and Dip
Pretzels
Granola Bars
Popcorn
Crackers
Meat and Cheese
Dried Fruit
S'mores Fixin's

CONDIMENTS
Hot Sauce
Ketchup
Mustard
Mayonnaise
Relish
BBQ Sauce
Sour Cream
Salsa
Sald Dressing

MISCELLANEOUS
Salt & Pepper
Cooking Oil
Spice Blends
Syrup / Honey
Jelly / Jams
Sugar

REQUIREMENT 8c:	Plan two breakfasts, three lunches, and two suppers.
Breakfast #1:	
Breakfast #2:	
Lunch #1:	
Lunch #2:	
Lunch #3:	
Supper #1:	
Supper #2:	

REQUIREMENT 8c:	Discuss how to protect your food against bad weather.

Notes:

REQUIREMENT 8c:	Discuss how to protect your food against animals.

Notes:

REQUIREMENT 8c:	Discuss how to protect your food against contamination.

Notes:

REQUIREMENT 8d:	While camping in the outdoors, 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.

Be sure to document and take pictures to show proof of completion with your merit badge counselor

This requirement must be reviewed with your merit badge counselor.

BE PREPARED!

REQUIREMENT 9a: Camp for at least 20 nights at designated Scouting activities or events. One long-term camping experience of up to six consecutive nights may be applied toward this requirement. Two nights may be counted toward the total for each additional long-term camping trip. Each night must be spent either under the sky, in a tent you have pitched yourself (if a tent is provided and already set up, you do not need to pitch your own), in a hammock that is safely strung outdoors, in a lean-to, or other three-sided shelter with an open front. Nights spent in indoor lock-in events, cabin camping, hotel stays, or other covered accommodations do not count toward the 20 nights.

Camping Log

Date	*Place*	*# of Nights*	*Leader Signature*

ON ANY OF THESE CAMPING EXPERIENCES, YOU MUST DO TWO OF THE FOLLOWING, ONLY WITH PROPER PREPARATION AND UNDER QUALIFIED SUPERVISION FOR REQUIREMENT 9B

REQUIREMENT 9b: On any of these camping experiences, you must do TWO of the following, only with proper preparation and under qualified supervision.

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 a 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.

ACTIVITY #1:

☐ Req 9b1	☐ Req 9b2	☐ Req 9b3	☐ Req 9b4	☐ Req 9b5	☐ Req 9b6

Location:

Notes:

Adult Leader's Name

Phone or Email

Adult Leader's Signature

Date ☐ *completed*

ACTIVITY #2:					
☐ Req 9b1	☐ Req 9b2	☐ Req 9b3	☐ Req 9b4	☐ Req 9b5	☐ Req 9b6

Location:

Notes:

Adult Leader's Name

Phone or Email

Adult Leader's Signature

Date ☐ *completed*

REQUIREMENT 9c:	On any of these camping experiences, perform a conservation project approved by the landowner or land managing agency. This can be done alone or with others.

Location:

Scope of Project:

Landowner or Authorized Land Managing Agency Representative's Name

Phone or Email

Landowner or Authorized Land Managing Agency Representative's Signature

Date ☐ *project approved*

Notes about Project:

Landowner or Authorized Land Managing Agency Representative's Name

Phone or Email

Landowner or Authorized Land Managing Agency Representative's Signature

Date ☐ *project completed*

REQUIREMENT 10:	Discuss how the things you did to earn this badge have taught you about personal health and safety, survival, public health, conservation, and good citizenship.

Personal Health and Safety:

Survival:

Public Health:

Conservation:

Good Citizenship:

REQUIREMENT 10:	Tell how Scout spirit and the Scout Oath and Scout Law apply to camping and outdoor ethics.

Notes: