



Communication 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 Communication merit badge pamphlet for discovery and knowledge, along with the class preparation pages for clarifications, insights, and expectations.

<https://scoutmasterbucky.com/merit-badges/communication/communication-pamphlet.pdf>

<https://scoutmasterbucky.com/merit-badges/communication/communication-cpp.pdf>

REQUIREMENTS 5 and 6 REQUIRE COUNSELOR APPROVAL.

REQUIREMENT 8 REQUIRES SENIOR PATROL LEADER APPROVAL (BEFORE AND AFTER).

REQUIREMENT 8 PREFERS UNIT ADULT LEADER'S CONFIRMATION (OPTIONAL).

DO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING (1A, 1B, 1C, or 1D) FOR REQUIREMENT 1

REQUIREMENT 1a: For one day, keep a log in which you describe your communication activities. Keep track of the time and different ways you spend communicating, such as talking person-to-person, listening to teachers, listening to the radio or podcasts, watching television, using social media, reading books and other print media, and using any electronic communication device.

Day and Date:

Notes:



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REQUIREMENT 1a: Discuss with your counselor what your log reveals about the importance of communication in your life.

Notes:

REQUIREMENT 1a: Think of ways to improve your communication skills.

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REQUIREMENT 1b: For three days, keep a journal of your listening experiences.

Day 1 Notes:

Day 2 Notes:

Day 3 Notes:



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REQUIREMENT 1b1: Discuss with your counselor an example when you have listened to obtain information.

Notes:

REQUIREMENT 1b2: Discuss with your counselor an example when you have listened to be persuaded.

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REQUIREMENT 1b3: Discuss with your counselor an example when you have listened to appreciate or enjoy something.

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REQUIREMENT 1b4: Discuss with your counselor an example when you have listened to understand someone's feelings.

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REQUIREMENT 1c:

In a small-group setting, meet with other Scouts or with friends. Have them share personal stories about significant events in their lives that affected them in some way. Take note of how each Scout participates in the group discussion and how effectively each Scout communicates their story. Report what you have learned to your counselor about the differences you observed in effective communication.

Date and Location of small group setting:

Notes:



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REQUIREMENT 1d: List as many ways as you can think of to communicate with others (face-to-face, by telephone, letter, email, text messages, social media, and so on). For each type of communication, discuss with your counselor an instance when that method might not be appropriate or effective.

COMMUNICATION METHOD #1:

Method:

When might this method NOT be appropriate or effective:

COMMUNICATION METHOD #2:

Method:

When might this method NOT be appropriate or effective:

COMMUNICATION METHOD #3:

Method:

When might this method NOT be appropriate or effective:



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COMMUNICATION METHOD #4:

Method:

When might this method NOT be appropriate or effective:

COMMUNICATION METHOD #5:

Method:

When might this method NOT be appropriate or effective:

COMMUNICATION METHOD #6:

Method:

When might this method NOT be appropriate or effective:



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COMMUNICATION METHOD #7:

Method:

When might this method NOT be appropriate or effective:

COMMUNICATION METHOD #8:

Method:

When might this method NOT be appropriate or effective:

COMMUNICATION METHOD #9:

Method:

When might this method NOT be appropriate or effective:



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DO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING (2A or 2B) FOR REQUIREMENT 2

REQUIREMENT 2a: Think of a creative way to describe yourself using, for example, a collage, short story or autobiography, drawing or series of photographs, or a song or skit. Using the aid you created, make a presentation to your counselor about yourself.

Consider using the [Communication Merit Badge Pamphlet](#) for preparation information

This requirement must be reviewed with your merit badge counselor.

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REQUIREMENT 2b:

Choose a concept, product, or service in which you have great confidence. Build a sales plan based on its good points. Try to persuade the counselor to agree with, use, or buy your concept, product or service. After your sales talk, discuss with your counselor how persuasive you were.

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REQUIREMENT 3: Write a five-minute speech. Give it at a meeting of a group.

When and Where speech was given:

Adult's Name

Phone or Email

Adult's Signature

Date

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*I validate that a 5-minute
speech was given*

Be sure to bring a copy of your 5-minute speech or your notes to share with your counselor.
Alternatively, you may choose to present your speech when meeting with your counselor

This requirement must be reviewed with your merit badge counselor.

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REQUIREMENT 4: Interview someone you know fairly well, like, or respect because of his or her position, talent, career, or life experiences.

Selected Person to Interview:

REQUIREMENT 4: Listen actively to learn as much as you can about the person. Then prepare and deliver to your counselor an introduction of the person as though this person were to be a guest speaker, and include reasons why the audience would want to hear this person speak.

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REQUIREMENT 4: Show how you would call to invite this person to speak.

Notes:



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REQUIREMENT 5: Attend a public meeting (city council, school board, debate) approved by your counselor where several points of view are given on a single issue.

Selected Public Meeting:

Selected Issue:

COUNSELOR APPROVAL: IS REQUIRED.

Counselor's Name

Phone or Email

Counselor's Signature

Date

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approved

REQUIREMENT 5: Practice active listening skills and take careful notes of each point of view.

Remember to listen objectively - list points that are both pro and con

Point 1:

Point 2:

Point 3:



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Point 4:

Point 5:

Point 6:

Point 7:

Point 8:

Point 9:



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REQUIREMENT 5:

Prepare an objective report that includes all points of view that were expressed, and share this with your counselor.

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REQUIREMENT 6:

With your counselor's approval, develop a plan to teach a skill or inform someone about something. Prepare teaching aids for your plan. Carry out your plan. With your counselor, determine whether the person has learned what you intended.

Skill or Knowledge to Share:

COUNSELOR APPROVAL: IS REQUIRED.

Counselor's Name

Phone or Email

Counselor's Signature

Date

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approved

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DO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING (7A, 7B, or 7C) FOR REQUIREMENT 7

REQUIREMENT 7a: Write to the editor of a magazine or your local newspaper to express your opinion or share information on any subject you choose. Send your message by fax, email, or regular mail.

Magazine / Newspaper Name:

Be sure to bring a copy or proof of your sent message

This requirement must be reviewed with your merit badge counselor.

BE PREPARED!

REQUIREMENT 7b: Create a web page or blog of special interest to you (for instance, your troop or crew, a hobby, or a sport). Include at least three articles or entries and one photograph or illustration, and one link to some other web page or blog that would be helpful to someone who visits the web page or blog you have created. It is not necessary to post your web page or blog to the internet, but if you decide to do so, you must first share it with your parent or guardian and counselor and get their permission.

Be sure to bring any completed work on a thumb drive to share with the merit badge counselor

This requirement must be reviewed with your merit badge counselor.

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REQUIREMENT 7c: Use desktop publishing to produce a newsletter, brochure, flier, or other printed material for your troop or crew, class at school, or other group. Include at least one article and one photograph or illustration.

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REQUIREMENT 8:

Plan a troop or crew court of honor, campfire program, or an interfaith worship service. Have the patrol leaders' council approve it, then write the script and prepare the program.

CLEARLY THIS REQUIREMENT NEEDS APPROVAL FROM THE UNIT'S PLC (HEADED BY THE SENIOR PATROL LEADER), HENCE THE SENIOR PATROL LEADER'S APPROVAL BEFORE AND CONFIRMATION AFTERWARDS IS REQUIRED.

A SCOUTMASTER OR OTHER ADULT'S SIGNATURE SHOULD ONLY BE ACCEPTED IF THE TROOP OR CREW IS PURELY ADULT LED.

SENIOR PATROL LEADER APPROVAL: IS REQUIRED.

Senior Patrol Leader's Name

Phone or Email

Senior Patrol Leader's Signature

Date ☐ *approved*

Court of Honor, Campfire Program, or Interfaith Worship Service:

Date and Location:

Notes:



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REQUIREMENT 8: Serve as master of ceremonies.

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SENIOR PATROL LEADER APPROVAL: IS REQUIRED.

Senior Patrol Leader's Name

Phone or Email

Senior Patrol Leader's Signature

Date

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WHILE NOT REQUIRED, THE UNIT LEADER'S SIGNATURE HELPS VALIDATE THE CLAIM OF COMPLETION FOR THIS REQUIREMENT. THE MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR MAY STILL WANT TO CONFIRM WITH THE UNIT LEADER THAT THE DETAILS FOR THIS REQUIREMENT HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AS REPRESENTED.

ADULT UNIT LEADER CONFIRMATION: IS OPTIONAL, BUT PREFERRED.

Adult Unit Leader's Name

Phone or Email

Adult Unit Leader's Signature

Date

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completed



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REQUIREMENT 9: Find out about three career opportunities in communication.

Career Opportunity #1:

Career Opportunity #2:

Career Opportunity #3:

REQUIREMENT 9: Pick one and find out the education, training, and experience required for this profession. Discuss this with your counselor.

Selected Career Opportunity:

Education Requirements:

Training Requirements:

Experience Requirements:

REQUIREMENT 9: Explain why this profession might interest you.

Notes: