



SCOUTMASTER BUCKY

Geocaching Merit Badge Class Preparation Page

for **IN-PERSON** class only ScoutmasterBucky.com or ScoutmasterBucky@yahoo.com or 612-483-0665

Expectations

1. Read and Review ALL requirements prior to the class.
2. Active interaction / participation is expected and mandatory.
3. Share in your own words – avoid reading your answers.
4. Pay attention to the action verbs.
5. Bring proof of completion (even partially completed work).
6. A positive Scouting focus and attitude
7. Scout uniform.

Remember to Bring

1. Your Scouting Member ID (formerly BSA ID – **NOT** your Scoutbook ID) or your merit badge blue card properly filled out and signed off by your Unit Leader or authorized designee.
2. Notes and questions from reading the Geocaching merit badge pamphlet.
3. Supporting documentation or project work pertinent to this merit badge that may also include a merit badge workbook for reference with notes.
4. Appropriate outdoor clothing for the forecasted weather conditions (most components of the class will take place outdoors)
5. A GPS unit or smartphone with a geocaching app (if you have one)
6. A compass (Requirement 5a)

Requirements Insight

Safety Expectations: Most requirements will take place outdoors. Scouts should arrive prepared with appropriate outdoor clothing and gear for the season, location, and forecasted weather. Scouts who are not adequately dressed for the conditions may have their participation limited for safety reasons.

Requirement(s)	Expectations
1, 2, 3, 5b, and 7	If you have prepared ahead of time, you will be able to complete these requirements during the class. • Time will be allotted for those Scouts who have prepared to share their work for completion consideration.
4, 5a, and 6	These requirements will be done as a part of the class and will most likely take place outdoors. • Scouts should review the Geocaching merit badge pamphlet ahead of time and come able to explain how GPS works and how to use a map and compass. • While the instructor / counselor will provide guidance, only Scouts who are able to successfully complete these tasks will be considered for sign off. Be Prepared!
8 and 9	These requirements will NOT be covered during the class. • Time will be allotted for sign off consideration for any Scouts attending the class with these requirements ready for review. • These take planning and time to complete (Travel Bugs, hiding a cache, CITO events, a geohunt for a youth group). Bring photos, logs, and your plans as proof.