



# SCOUTMASTER BUCKY

## Lifesaving Merit Badge Class Preparation Page

for **IN-PERSON** class only [ScoutmasterBucky.com](http://ScoutmasterBucky.com) or [ScoutmasterBucky@yahoo.com](mailto: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 Lifesaving 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. Proper and appropriate swimwear (You will be in the water, remember a towel)
5. Long-sleeved shirt, long pants, socks, and shoes to wear in the water (Requirement 9)
6. Proof of completing the Swimming merit badge (blue card, Scoutbook printout, or merit badge sash)
7. Permission slip signed by parent or guardian when and if required, by the facility or location the swimming activity is being held at (check with Scoutmaster Bucky if you are uncertain whether a permission slip is needed)

### Requirements Insight

**Note:** This merit badge opportunity is offered and outlined for proficient swimmers. Swimming instructions and lessons are not a part of this offering. Scouts will be tested for ability to pass the Scouting America swimmer test at the beginning of class. Those not able to pass, for whatever reason, will be dismissed from continued participation.

**Safety Expectations:** This merit badge involves activities with a higher level of risk, so strict adherence to safety guidelines and instructor directions is required at all times. Scouts who are unable to follow these expectations will be dismissed from the class, forfeit participation fees, and may not continue in other event activities for the remainder of the day. The instructor's decision is final. A parent or guardian will be asked to promptly pick up their Scout if dismissal is necessary.

| Requirement(s)                               | Expectations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| 1 and 2a                                     | <b>The Swimming merit badge must be earned BEFORE doing Requirements 3 through 15.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This is NON-NEGOTIABLE. Bring indisputable proof of completion.</li><li>• Review the principles of Safe Swim Defense ahead of the class.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 2b                                           | <b>The 400-yard continuous swim must be completed before doing Requirements 3 through 15.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This will be done at the beginning of the class. Scouts unable to complete it will not be able to continue with the in-water requirements.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 3, 6, 7, 15a, 16a, and 17                    | <b>If you have prepared ahead of time, you will be able to complete these requirements during the class.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Time will be allotted for those Scouts who have prepared to share their work for completion consideration.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15b, and 15c | <b>NOTE: These requirements are SKILL-BASED.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There is NO guarantee that a Scout will complete any or all of these requirements and their components.</li><li>• Only Scouts who successfully demonstrate these skills to the counselor's satisfaction will be signed off.</li><li>• Some Scouts may find it difficult to complete some of these requirement components simply due to physical development or other reasons. Every effort will be made to assist and accommodate each Scout; however, it MUST be noted again that these are skill-based requirements.</li><li>• All Scouts will have an opportunity to demonstrate their ability to perform the specified task(s) in these requirements.</li></ul> |
| 16b                                          | <b>CPR skills must be demonstrated on a mannequin under the guidance of a current CPR/AED instructor trained by a nationally certified provider.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |



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- Check the registration information to see whether a certified instructor will be at the class. If not, bring proof of a completed CPR course.