



## Wilderness Survival Merit Badge



### Expectations

- Read and Review **ALL** requirements prior to the class  
Even though a requirement may be identified as one to be done in class, Scouts are still expected to familiarize, review, and prepare for the requirement – BE PREPARED!
- Active interaction/participation is expected and mandatory.
- Share in your own words – avoid reading your answers.
- Pay attention to the action verbs.
- Bring proof of completion (even partially completed work)



### Things to Remember to Bring

1. Your BSA ID# and /or your Merit Badge Blue Card properly filled out and signed off by your Scout Leader
2. Scout Uniform
3. Notes and Questions from reading the Wilderness Survival Merit Badge Pamphlet
4. Appropriate outdoor weather clothing for the forecasted weather conditions (most components of the class will take place outdoors along with spending the night in the shelter you built)
5. Sleeping Bag, Tarp, and Personal Survival Kit (for Requirement 5)
6. Supporting documentation or project work pertinent to this merit badge which may also include a Merit Badge Workbook for reference with notes.
7. A positive Scouting focus and attitude

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### Requirements Insight

**It must be noted that MOST requirements will take place outdoors and Scouts should attend with outdoor gear appropriate for the time of year, location, and forecasted weather conditions including overnight attire for the outdoors.**

Requirements	Expectations
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7c, 9, and 12	<p><b>If you have prepared ahead of time, you will be able to successfully complete these requirements and requirement components during the class.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Time will be allotted for those Scouts who have prepared to share their work for sign off consideration</li></ul>
6	<p><b>Scouts will need to be able to successfully build and light a fire via three different ways.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• While the instructor / counselor will provide guidance, only Scouts who are able to successfully complete these three fire tasks will be considered for sign off.</li></ul> <p><b>PAY ATTENTION and BE PREPARED!</b></p>
7a, 7b, and 11	<p><b>Requirement 10b will be the focus during the class, this does not exempt a Scout from reading, reviewing, and preparing for the requirement ahead of the class</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The instructor / counselor will facilitate the opportunity for Scouts to “Show” and “Demonstrate” these requirements and requirement components during the class.</li><li>• Scouts are expected to prepare by being able to show and demonstrate three tasks, respectively.</li></ul>
8	<p><b>A large portion of the day will be spent on constructing a natural shelter.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The merit badge is called Wilderness Survival and Scouts will be expected to construct a survival shelter that meets standards that provide the best chance of protection and survival.</li><li>• Scouts need to understand that simply putting a log against a tree and calling that shelter is not adequate for sign off consideration. Prepare by reviewing the different types of survival shelters that one might consider using in the woods.</li></ul>
10	<p><b>Scouts will need to successfully demonstrate three ways to make water safe outdoors for drinking.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• While the instructor / counselor will provide guidance, only Scouts who are able to successfully complete these three water tasks will be considered for sign off.</li></ul> <p><b>PAY ATTENTION and BE PREPARED!</b></p>

