

Columbia-Montour Council, BSA
Camp Lavigne – Scouts BSA Summer Camp 2020
Merit Badge Prerequisites



CAMPING

The following requirements must be completed prior to arrival at camp, if the Scout is to complete the merit badge at the end of his long-term camping experience this summer. A Scout should decide with his Scoutmaster's counseling and approval what merit badges he will work on at summer camp at least six weeks prior to his arrival. Numbers and letters refer to the requirements listed in the Merit Badge's worksheet/pamphlet.

If a requirement is not listed below, it can be completed at camp, unless otherwise specified while there.

Be sure use the most recent Merit Badge Pamphlet.

A Scout MUST bring proof of the completion of his prerequisites to camp.

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) A compass
 - (b) A GPS receiver**
 - (c) A smartphone with a GPS app*
4. Do the following:
 - (a) Make a duty roster showing how your patrol is organized for an actual overnight campout. List assignments for each member.
 - (b) 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.
7. Prepare for an overnight campout with your patrol by doing the following:
 - (a) Make a checklist of personal and patrol gear that will be needed.
 - (b) Pack 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.
9. Show experience in camping by doing the following: ***
 - (a) Camp a total of 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. Sleep each night under the sky or in a tent you have pitched. If the camp provides a tent that has already been pitched, you need not pitch your own tent.

(b) 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.

(c) Perform a conservation project approved by the landowner or land managing agency. This can be done alone or with others.

*To complete this requirement, you may use the Scout Planning Worksheet at http://troopleader.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/512-505_16_Wksht_WEB.pdf.

**If a GPS-equipped device is not available, explain how to use one to get to your camping spot.

***Scoutmaster must sign off on the completion of all outings for this merit badge.