



## Kayaking 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 Kayaking Merit Badge Pamphlet
4. Proper and Appropriate Swimwear (You will be in the water, remember a towel)
5. Proof of having passed your BSA Swimmer Test within the last 12 months (failure to provide this proof to the satisfaction of the Merit Badge Counselor and/or Class Instructor will potentially negate your eligibility to participate in the class).
6. Permission Slip signed by parent or guardian when and if required, by the facility or location the Canoeing activity is being held at (check with Scoutmaster Bucky if you are uncertain whether a permission slip is needed)
7. Supporting documentation or project work pertinent to this merit badge which may also include a Merit Badge Workbook for reference with notes.
8. A positive Scouting focus and attitude

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### Requirements Insight

**WARNING:** Due to the high safety risk during this merit badge class, Scouts not following directions or failing to adhere to the class instructions **WILL** be removed from the class and forfeit participation fees and the privilege of continuing to participate for the rest of the event day. The instructor's / counselor's word is final. Parent / Guardian will be required to remove their Scout from the event venue immediately.

Requirements	Expectations
2	<p><b>Before doing the following requirements, successfully complete the BSA swimmer test.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This is NON-NEGOTIABLE</li><li>• Scouts are encouraged to bring indisputable proof of passing their BSA Swimmer's test within the past 12 months.</li><li>• Counselor / Instructor reserve the right to retest and require day of swimmer test for ANY participant.</li><li>• Those unable to show indisputable proof will be required to perform the swimmer test on the day of the event at the specified time or be disqualified from participation. No refund.</li></ul>
1, 3, 4, and 5	<p><b>If you have prepared ahead of time, you will be able to complete these requirements and requirement options 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, 7, and 8	<p><b>NOTE – These three requirements are all SKILL-BASED.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There is NO guarantee that a Scout will complete any or all of the requirements and its components.</li><li>• Only Scouts who successfully demonstrate these skills to the counselor's satisfaction will be signed off on each requirement and/or component, respectively.</li><li>• Some Scouts may find it difficult to complete some of these requirements simply due to physical development or other reasons. Every effort will be made to assist and accommodate each Scout however it <b>MUST</b> be noted again that these are skill-based requirements.</li><li>• All Scouts will have an opportunity to demonstrate their ability to perform and maneuver for each of the components in each of the requirements.</li></ul>

Merit Badge Workbooks are a tool to aid Scouts with their work preparation. BSA discourages — but does not ban — the use of any merit badge worksheets or workbooks. Merit badge counselors must **NEVER** require the use of merit badge worksheets or workbooks and may if they choose, refuse to accept them. Scouts shall not be required to use **ANY** of these to complete a merit badge.

