

FINGERPRINTING MERIT BADGE WORKBOOK

This Scoutmaster Bucky Merit Badge Workbook is based off the current *Scouts BSA Requirements*.

Consider also using the Fingerprinting merit badge class preparation page for clarification and expectations when participating in a Scoutmaster Bucky merit badge opportunity ([online](#) or [in-person](#)).

<https://scoutmasterbucky.com/merit-badges/fingerprinting/>

Scout's
Name:

REQUIREMENT 1: Give a short history of fingerprinting. Tell the difference between civil and criminal identification.

Short history

Difference between civil and criminal identification

REQUIREMENT 2: Explain the difference between the automated fingerprint identification systems (AFIS) now used by law enforcement agencies and the biometric fingerprint systems used to control access to computers and places like buildings and airports.

REQUIREMENT 3: Do the following:

REQUIREMENT 3 A: Name the surfaces of the body where friction or papillary ridges are found.

REQUIREMENT 3 B: Name the two basic principles supporting the science of fingerprints and give a brief explanation of each principle.

REQUIREMENT 3 C: Explain what it takes to positively identify a person using fingerprints.

REQUIREMENT 4: Take a clear set of prints using ONE of the following methods.

REQUIREMENT 4 A: Make both rolled and plain impressions. Make these on an 8-by-8-inch fingerprint identification card, available from your local police department or your counselor.

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REQUIREMENT 4 B: Using clear adhesive tape, a pencil, and plain paper, record your own fingerprints or those of another person.

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REQUIREMENT 5: Show your merit badge counselor you can identify the three basic types of fingerprint patterns and their subcategories. Using your own hand, identify the types of patterns you see.

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