



2024 Class Preparation Page - for ONLINE and IN-PERSON classes

Mammal Study 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 Mammal Study Merit Badge Pamphlet
- 4. IN-PERSON CLASS: Appropriate outdoor weather clothing for the forecasted weather conditions (some/all components of the class will take place outdoors)
- 5. Supporting documentation or project work pertinent to this merit badge which may also include a Merit Badge Workbook for reference with notes.
- 6. A positive Scouting focus and attitude

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Requirements Insight

IN-PERSON CLASS: It must be noted that some requirements may take place outdoors and Scouts should attend with outdoor gear appropriate for the time of year, location, and forecasted weather conditions

Requirements	Expectations
1	If you have prepared ahead of time, you will be able to complete this requirement during the class. • Review this requirement ahead of time to help formulate how you will answer
2	If you have prepared ahead of time, you will be able to complete this requirement during the class. • Be prepared to discuss this requirement having done research and work ahead of time.
3	ONLINE CLASS: You must do ONE option for requirement 3 This requirement will NOT be covered as part of the class • Scouts who can show proof of completing this requirement will have an opportunity to share with the counselor their work and findings If the work meets the satisfaction of the merit badge counselor, (saying you did it is not enough, you need to bring proof), most counselors will sign off on the requirement. IN-PERSON CLASS: (providing you have weather-appropriate clothing) • This requirement will be completed during the class; and will be the Counselor's Choice of which option.
4	ONLINE CLASS: You must do ONE option for requirement 4 This requirement will NOT be covered as part of the class • Scouts who can show proof of completing this requirement will have an opportunity to share with the counselor their work and findings If the work meets the satisfaction of the merit badge counselor, (saying you did it is not enough, you need to bring proof), most counselors will sign off on the requirement. IN-PERSON CLASS: (providing you have weather-appropriate clothing) • This requirement will be completed during the class; and will be the Counselor's Choice of which option. • Scouts must be respectfully engaged and actively participating for the entirety of this requirement for sign off consideration
5	 This requirement will NOT be completed during the class. The counselor for this class will provide guidance during the class (and after) for Scouts interested in completing this requirement with the counselor. Scouts are encouraged to come to the class with a project idea or two in mind for consideration. NOTE: Scouts may choose and do a project ahead of time, however there is no guarantee that the counselor will accept the work. Do A Good Turn Daily!

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.