



This workbook can help you but you still need to read the merit badge pamphlet.

The work space provided for each requirement should be used by the Scout to make notes for discussing the item with his counselor, not for providing the full and complete answers. Each Scout must do each requirement.

No one may add or subtract from the official requirements found in **Boy Scout Requirements** (Pub. 33216 – SKU 34765).

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Scout's Name: _____ Unit: _____

Counselor's Name: _____ Counselor's Phone No.: _____

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1. Read the safety rules for metalwork. Discuss how to be safe while working with metal.

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Discuss with your counselor the additional safety rules that apply to the metalwork option you choose for requirement 5.

[illegible]

2. Define the terms native metal, malleable, metallurgy, alloy, nonferrous, and ferrous.

Malleable,

Metallurgy,

Alloy,

Nonferrous,

Ferrous.

Then do the following:

- a. Name two nonferrous alloys used by pre-Iron Age metalworkers. Name the metals that are combined to form these alloys.

Alloy		Combination of:	
		and	
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- b. Name three ferrous alloys used by modern metalworkers.

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- c. Describe how to work-harden a metal.

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- d. Describe how to anneal a non-ferrous and a ferrous metal.

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☐ a. Work-harden a piece of 26- or 28-gauge sheet brass or sheet copper. Put a 45-degree bend in the metal, then heavily peen the area along the bend line to work-harden it.

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Discuss this with your counselor, and explain why this profession might interest you.

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5. After completing the first four requirements, complete at least ONE of the options listed below.

☐ a. **Option 1 – Sheet Metal Mechanic / Tinsmith**

1. Name and describe the use of the basic sheet metalworking tools.

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2. Create a sketch of two objects to make from sheet metal. Include each component's dimensions on your sketch, which need not be to scale.

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3. Make two objects out of 24- or 26-gauge sheet metal. Use patterns either provided by your counselor or made by you and approved by your counselor. Construct these objects using a metal that is appropriate to the object's ultimate purpose, and using cutting, bending, edging, and either soldering or brazing.
- ☐ a. One object also must include at least one riveted component.
- ☐ b. If you do not make your objects from zinc-plated sheet steel or tin-plated sheet steel, preserve your work from oxidation.

☐ b. **Option 2 - Silversmith**

1. Name and describe the use of a silversmith's basic tools.

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2. Create a sketch of two objects to make from sheet silver. Include each component's dimensions on your sketch, which need not be to scale.

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3. Make two objects out of 8- or 20- gauge sheet copper. Use patterns either provided by your counselor or made by you and approved by your counselor. Both objects must include a soldered joint. If you have prior silversmithing experience, you may substitute sterling silver, nickel silver, or lead free pewter.
- ☐ a. At least one object must include a sawed component you have made yourself.
 - ☐ b. At least one object must include a sunken part you have made yourself.
 - ☐ c. Clean and polish your objects.
- ☐ c. **Option 3 – Founder**

1. Name and describe the use of the basic parts of a two-piece mold.

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Name at least three different types of molds.

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2. Create a sketch of two objects to cast in metal. Include each component's dimensions on your sketch, which need not be to scale.

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- ☐ d. **Option 4 - Blacksmith**

1. Name and describe the use of a blacksmith's basic tools.

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2. Make a sketch of two objects to hot-forged. Include each component's dimensions on your sketch, which need not be to scale.

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3. Using low-carbon steel at least $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick, perform the following exercises:
- ☐ a. Draw out by forging a taper.
 - ☐ b. Use the horn of the anvil by forging a U-shaped bend.
 - ☐ c. Form a decorative twist in a piece of square steel.
 - ☐ d. Use the edge of the anvil to bend metal by forging an L-shaped bend.
4. Using low-carbon steel at least $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick, make the two objects you sketched that require hot-forging. Be sure you have your counselor's approval before you begin.
- ☐ a. Include a decorative twist on one object.
 - ☐ b. Include a hammer-riveted joint in one object.
 - ☐ c. Preserve your work from oxidation.

Requirement resources can be found here:

http://www.meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Metalwork#Requirement_resources

Important excerpts from the [Guide To Advancement - 2013](#), No. 33088 (SKU-618673)

[1.0.0.0] — Introduction

The current edition of the *Guide to Advancement* is the official source for administering advancement in all Boy Scouts of America programs: Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Varsity Scouting, Venturing, and Sea Scouts. It replaces any previous BSA advancement manuals, including *Advancement Committee Policies and Procedures*, *Advancement and Recognition Policies and Procedures*, and previous editions of the *Guide to Advancement*.

[Page 2, and 5.0.1.4] — Policy on Unauthorized Changes to Advancement Program

No council, committee, district, unit, or individual has the authority to add to, or subtract from, advancement requirements. There are limited exceptions relating only to youth members with special needs. For details see section 10, "Advancement for Members With Special Needs".

[Page 2] — The "Guide to Safe Scouting" Applies

Policies and procedures outlined in the *Guide to Safe Scouting*, No. 34416, apply to all BSA activities, including those related to advancement and Eagle Scout service projects.

[7.0.3.1] — The Buddy System and Certifying Completion

A youth member must not meet one-on-one with an adult. Sessions with counselors must take place where others can view the interaction, or the Scout must have a buddy: a friend, parent, guardian, brother, sister, or other relative—or better yet, another Scout working on the same badge—along with him attending the session.

When the Scout meets with the counselor, he should bring any required projects. If these cannot be transported, he should present evidence, such as photographs or adult verification. His unit leader, for example, might state that a satisfactory bridge or tower has been built for the Pioneering merit badge, or that meals were prepared for Cooking. If there are questions that requirements were met, a counselor may confirm with adults involved. Once satisfied, the counselor signs the blue card using the date upon which the Scout completed the requirements, or in the case of partials, initials the individual requirements passed.

Note that from time to time, it may be appropriate for a requirement that has been met for one badge to also count for another. See "Fulfilling More Than One Requirement With a Single Activity," 4.2.3.6.

[7.0.3.2] — Group Instruction

It is acceptable—and sometimes desirable—for merit badges to be taught in group settings. This often occurs at camp and merit badge midways or similar events. Interactive group discussions can support learning. The method can also be attractive to "guest experts" assisting registered and approved counselors. Slide shows, skits, demonstrations, panels, and various other techniques can also be employed, but as any teacher can attest, not everyone will learn all the material.

There must be attention to each individual's projects and his fulfillment of *all* requirements. We must know that every Scout—actually and *personally*—completed them. If, for example, a requirement uses words like "show," "demonstrate," or "discuss," then every Scout must do that. It is unacceptable to award badges on the basis of sitting in classrooms *watching* demonstrations, or remaining silent during discussions.

It is sometimes reported that Scouts who have received merit badges through group instructional settings have not fulfilled all the requirements. To offer a quality merit badge program, council and district advancement committees should ensure the following are in place for all group instructional events.

- Merit badge counselors are known to be registered and approved.
- Any guest experts or guest speakers, or others assisting who are not registered and approved as merit badge counselors, do not accept the responsibilities of, or behave as, merit badge counselors, either at a group instructional event or at any other time. Their service is temporary, not ongoing.
- Counselors agree not to assume prerequisites have been completed without some level of evidence that the work has been done. Pictures and letters from other merit badge counselors or unit leaders are the best form of prerequisite documentation when the actual work done cannot be brought to the camp or site of the merit badge event.
- There is a mechanism for unit leaders or others to report concerns to a council advancement committee on summer camp merit badge programs, group instructional events, and any other merit badge counseling issues—especially in instances where it is believed BSA procedures are not followed. See "Reporting Merit Badge Counseling Concerns," 11.1.0.0.
- There must be attention to each individual's projects and his fulfillment of all requirements. We must know that every Scout—actually and *personally*—completed them.

[7.0.3.3] — Partial Completions

A Scout need not pass all the requirements of one merit badge with the same counselor. It may be that due to timing or location issues, etc., he must meet with a different counselor to finish the badge. The Application for Merit Badge has a place to record what has been finished—a "partial." In the center section on the reverse of the blue card, the counselor initials for each requirement passed. In the case of a partial completion, the counselor does not retain his or her portion of the card. A subsequent counselor may choose not to accept partial work, but this should be rare. A Scout, if he believes he is being treated unfairly, may work with his unit leader to find another counselor. An example for the use of a signed partial would be to take it to camp as proof of prerequisites. Partials have no expiration except the Scout's 18th birthday. Units, districts, or councils shall not establish other expiration dates for partial merit badges.

[7.0.4.8] — Unofficial Worksheets and Learning Aids

Worksheets and other materials that may be of assistance in earning merit badges are available from a variety of places including unofficial sources on the Internet and even troop libraries. Use of these aids is permissible as long as the materials can be correlated with the current requirements that Scouts must fulfill. Completing "worksheets" may suffice where a requirement calls for something in writing, but this would not work for a requirement where the Scout must discuss, tell, show, or demonstrate, etc. Note that Scouts shall not be required to use these learning aids in order to complete a merit badge.