

Communication Merit Badge
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Your counselor has outlined below how he would like you to approach each of the requirements. **Read and bring the handbook for Communication merit badge book with you** Come in uniform and bring a filled-in merit badge card signed by your Scoutmaster. To successfully complete the badge at the workshop, you will need to prepare each of the following requirements and be ready to present each to the group and counselor.

Preparation is a *must*. Scouts will be signed off only on those requirements that the Merit Badge Counselor determines have been met. We look forward to seeing you at the museum.

It is not possible to complete the entire merit badge in one 4-hour session unless Requirements 5-9 are done in advance.

Requirement 1: Pick one of the four options. If you pick option 1 or 2, keep a written record. Bring it to workshop—be prepared to discuss. Options 3 and 4 can be completed at the workshop.

Requirement 2: Pick one of the two options. Prepare your personal description or sales plan. Bring it to the workshop to show/present to group and counselor.

Requirement 3: Write a five-minute speech before the session. If you have not yet given a speech at school, bring your speech, and be prepared to give it to the group and counselor. If you have already given a 5-minute speech in school, bring a copy of your notes or outline of it to discuss with your counselor.

Requirement 4: Interview someone, and create an introduction based on what you learned. Demonstrate how you would invite a selected person to speak at a meeting and how you would introduce your speaker. If you have interviewed someone already, bring your notes and be prepared to discuss what you learned with your counselor. If you have not, you will interview your counselor, and then prepare an introduction of him.

Requirement 5: **Prior to the workshop**, attend a public meeting where several points of view are expressed on an issue. Take notes on each point. Prepare a report including all points. Share report with the group and counselor at the workshop.

Requirement 6: **Prior to the workshop**, develop a plan to teach a skill or inform others. Prepare teaching aids. Teach the lesson; determine if the others learned. Bring your teaching aids to the workshop and discuss your experience and teaching aids with the group and counselor.

Requirement 7: **Prior to the workshop**, write and send a letter to the editor, or create a web page or blog (but post only with parental permission), or produce a brochure or flyer. Show it to the group and counselor at workshop.

Requirement 8: **Prior to the workshop**, plan/prepare program/lead a court of honor, campfire program, or worship service. At the workshop, show your plan and discuss how the event went with the group and counselor.

Requirement 9: **Prior to the workshop**, learn about three career opportunities in communication. Pick one and learn about required education, training, and experience needed. At workshop, explain to the group and counselor what you learned and why that career might be of interest to you.

We expect the Scouts attending this workshop to come prepared, having read the merit badge pamphlet, To help you organize you may want to download the worksheets for the merit badge at <http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/communication.pdf>. The counselor is not requiring you to send him the worksheets prior to the class. But he would like you to use the worksheet to help you organize yourself. Bring with you to class. **Preparation is a must.** Scouts will be signed off only on those requirements that the Merit Badge Counselor determines have been met. We look forward to seeing you at the museum.