

Communication Merit Badge – Prerequisites

Session Date: Saturday, September 12, 2026

This merit badge requires the scout to complete most of the requirements prior to the session & be prepared to present their work during the session. During the session, prerequisites will be reviewed while scouts practice communication skills with the other participants.

Resource for this session is the new Communication Digital Resource Guide

<https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/digital-resource-guides/communication/>

Using the Resource Guide – complete requirements as shown below. *Read all the information in the guide even if you do not select that requirement when there are options. Every requirement option is valuable information for communication.*

Requirement #1 – This requirement will be done during the merit badge session.

Requirement #2 – *Prior to the session* - Pick either 2a or 2b. Prepare the presentation to share during the merit badge session.

Requirement #3 – *Prior to the session* -Prepare a 5-minute speech and be prepared to present during the merit badge session.

Requirement #4 – *Prior to the session* - Introduction Speech – follow the directions to interview someone and be prepared to present your introduction during the merit badge session.

Requirement #5 – *Prior to the session* – Attend a public meeting (school board, city council, debate). School board, city council, and board of supervisors are preapproved to attend. Be prepared to discuss the meeting during the merit badge session. Obtain an agenda, if possible.

Requirement #6 – *Prior to the session* – Select a basic scout skill you can teach another session participant. Practice the skill and be prepared. Bring the supplies needed to teach the skill. *(No fire building or cooking)*

Requirement #7 – *Prior to the session* – Pick either 7a, 7b or 7c. Complete the requirement and bring a copy to share during the merit badge session.

Requirement #8 – *Prior to the session* – Plan & carry out a troop court of honor, campfire program, or an interfaith worship service. Bring a copy of the program or agenda from your program to the merit badge session.

Requirement #9 – *Prior to the session* – Research careers as described in the requirement and be prepared to talk about one.

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