

Woodwork Merit Badge Classroom Session

Class Preparation Notes

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When you arrive at Camp, please proceed directly to Michael's Woodshop ([Camp Map](#)).

Please review the following information with your Scout(s):

1. Scouts should come dressed in comfortable work clothes (including closed toe shoes that fully enclose the foot). We will review and discuss proper dress in the shop safety section of Requirement 1.
2. Scouts must arrive at class with their blue card signed by their Scoutmaster, two tools to sharpen and a copy of their Totin' Chip (or a note from their Scoutmaster or Advancement Chair that they have earned it). The best tools to learn basic sharpening techniques are chisels and block planes. (please do not bring a parent's prized chisel set – this is a learning session). We will not regrind damaged blades, but we can use them for teaching. Pocket knives and axes will not meet the requirement. Hand saw sharpening is outside the scope of the merit badge.
3. Before class, each Scout should read the relevant sections of the merit badge book and should print and complete the [merit badge worksheet](#) for Requirements 1a, 1b, 2a and 7.
4. For Requirement 7, Scouts should attempt to complete some or all of this in advance of class. However, if they do not have access to talk to a cabinetmaker or carpenter, Scouts should perform research about different careers as well as local education and training opportunities.
5. If possible, Scouts should complete some or all of Requirement 2b. If Scouts are unable to collect 6 different blocks of wood, they will be given an opportunity to continue work on this requirement in class. However, Scouts will need to know the qualities and best use of each type of wood. We generally have some or all of the following types of wood in the shop: Pine, Poplar, Oak, Cherry, Maple, Ash, Cedar, Walnut). Please read about them before class and make some notes on the merit badge worksheet.
6. Scouts are strongly encouraged to read Requirements 4, 5 and 6 and to start planning their four projects. We will not be working on any project requirements during class, but we will spend time at the end of the session to answer any questions Scouts may have about the requirements and to review project plans or discuss project ideas. If you have any questions, please email us at MichaelsWoodshop.CWBS@gmail.com