

Woodwork Merit Badge "Shop Time" Preparation Notes

When you arrive at Camp Snyder, please proceed directly to Michael's Woodshop. As we are running the Shop Time session with a reduced number of Scouts (to allow for physical separation), we will only have one volunteer on hand for the session. As a result, we are requesting that at least one parent plan to attend the session. Parents are welcome to observe or may bring other things to work on. We recommend adults bring a lawn chair or a camp chair which may be more comfortable.

Scouts and adults should bring a water bottle to the session.

Please share the following information with your Scout:

1. Scouts should come dressed in comfortable work clothes including suitable shoes. Clothing would normally include a tee shirt, long pants and shoes that fully protect the foot. Scouts should avoid loose or baggy shirts; long hair should be tied back; jewelry, watches and wrist bands should be removed.
2. Each Scout must arrive at class with their blue card, project plans and materials (lumber/hardware) for the projects they intend to work on during the session. Note that the shop does have a scrap bin and some other limited materials on hand which may be used by the Scouts, but we can not guarantee sufficient materials will be available for all projects.
3. There are four projects required to earn the merit badge. These are set forth in Requirements 4, 5 and 6. Each project has very specific requirements related to planning, time tracking, tools used and/or specific cuts or joints. Scouts are responsible for ensuring that their project will meet the Requirement that they intend to complete. Scouts are encouraged to ask questions in advance of their session if they are uncertain about the requirements. Please email any questions to MichaelsWoodshop.CWBS@gmail.com. A parent must be copied on all email communications.
4. There is no specified "degree of difficulty" required for a project to meet a Requirement. The project may be simple or it may be complex. However, it must meet the criteria for the Requirement.
5. Scouts normally do not complete all four projects in a single work session. It takes most Scouts 2 or 3 work sessions to complete all four projects. The primary variables in the number of sessions required are project complexity, preparation and focus.
6. Scouts are encouraged to use pine or comparable materials for their initial projects. Pine is a soft wood, making it easier to work with and much less expensive if a mistake is made. For a final project, Scouts may choose to work with a hard wood, especially if they want to make something special.

We look forward to seeing you in class. If you have any questions, please email us at MichaelsWoodshop.CWBS@gmail.com

Your Volunteer Shop Stewards
Michael's Woodshop