



Merit Badge Information Sheet [MBIS]  
January 13, 2024

<b>Merit Badge:</b>	Public Speaking
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<b>Preferred Method of Contact:</b>	email
<b>Prerequisites:</b> <i>list all requirements which need to be completed in advance</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Prepare a 3-minute introduction of yourself to the class.</li><li>2. Prepare 3-minute talk on topic of your choice that incorporates body language<sup>1</sup> and visual aids<sup>2</sup>.</li><li>4. Collect and organize information about a topic of interest to the class<sup>3</sup>, prepare an outline<sup>4</sup>, and write and practice an 8-minute speech<sup>5</sup>.</li><li>5. Familiarize yourself with Robert's Rules of Order<sup>6</sup>.</li></ol> <p>When you email, put your name on the subject header. If you can, send all the documents in one email. <b>To comply with Youth Protection guidelines, scouts should copy a leader or parent on all email communication with the counselor.</b></p>
<b>Class Work:</b> <i>list all requirements which will be completed in class</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Give a 3-minute introduction of yourself to class.</li><li>2. Deliver 3-minute talk on topic of your choice that incorporates body language and visual aids.</li><li>3. Give a 2-minute impromptu talk on interesting subject selected by your counselor<sup>7</sup>.</li><li>4. Deliver an 8-minute speech on a topic of interest to class.</li><li>5. Show knowledge of parliamentary procedure.</li></ol>
<b>Use of "Online" Workbook:</b>	<b>Found at = <a href="http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets">http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets</a> Requirements: <a href="https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/merit_badge_requirements/public_speaking.pdf">https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/merit_badge_requirements/public_speaking.pdf</a></b>
<b>Merit Badge Booklet:</b>	Scouts who have not recently taken a course on public

<sup>1</sup> See Boy Scouts of America, Merit Badge Series: Public Speaking, at pp. 38-39 (2013).

<sup>2</sup> See id. at pp. 33-35

<sup>3</sup> See id. at pp. 11-15 and 21-24

<sup>4</sup> See id. at pp. 16-18

<sup>5</sup> See id. at pp. 24-27

<sup>6</sup> See id. at pp. 42-45

<sup>7</sup> See id. at p. 41



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	<p>speaking in school are strongly encouraged to obtain a copy of the Public Speaking merit badge pamphlet and to read it in advance of class (particularly the pages cited above):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="https://www.scoutshop.org/public-speaking-merit-badge-pamphlet-655689.html">https://www.scoutshop.org/public-speaking-merit-badge-pamphlet-655689.html</a>;</li><li>• <a href="https://www.scoutshop.org/mbp-public-speaking-ebook-656072.html">https://www.scoutshop.org/mbp-public-speaking-ebook-656072.html</a>; or</li><li>• <a href="https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B0BP47XK2Q">https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B0BP47XK2Q</a>.</li></ul>
<b>Number of Sessions needed:</b> <i>each session is 1 hour 25 minutes</i>	1
<b>Maximum Class Size:</b>	5
<b>Notes and/or Comments:</b>	<p>Persuasive and informative public speaking is an essential skill. Whether you wish to run for Senior Patrol Leader of your troop, to convince your principal or the school board to change a policy you dislike, or to rally your classmates to take action on an important issue, you need to speak effectively in public.</p> <p><b>BE PREPARED.</b></p> <p>This is a merit badge for public speaking, not public reading. You may refer to an index card for key points you plan to make or key facts you need to cite, but you may not read your notes to the class. Your counselor will ask you to put down the index card if you start to simply read from it. Practice makes perfect. Practice each talk or speech once aloud, once more in front of a mirror, once again with a stopwatch or timer, and a final time in front of your parents or other trusted adults.</p> <p>Observe the time limits. Your counselor cannot give you credit for a talk or speech that falls meaningfully short of the time limits state above; however, your counselor will need to cut your talk or speech short if you continue significantly beyond those time limits in order to ensure that all Scouts in the class have time to complete each of the five requirements.</p>