

## Public Speaking Prerequisites

STEMpede 2023

Please complete the following prior to the class. Because each scout must speak for a certain amount of time for this merit badge, please plan and practice your speeches to stay within the time limits so all scouts can complete the merit badge. Be sure to bring any visual aids needed for Requirement 2.

Requirement 1 - Prepare a 3-5 minute introduction of yourself.

Requirement 2 - Prepare a 3-5 minute talk on a topic of your choice (perhaps make it STEM related) that incorporates body language and visual aids.

Requirement 4 - Select a topic of interest to your audience (STEM or Scout related, but it must be a different topic than what was done for requirement 2). Collect and organize information about this topic and prepare an outline (I will need to see the outline). Write an 8-10 minute speech and practice it. Scout will deliver the speech in a conversational way during the class.

Requirements 3 and 5 will be covered in the class and no preparation is needed, but the scout may want to look over the rules of parliamentary procedure.

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- Note cards can be used for speeches, but scouts should try to practice all speeches so they can make consistent eye contact with the audience and not just read a speech.

If any scouts have any questions prior to STEMpede, please reach out via email and include one of your parents in the email as well to assure 2-deep leadership.

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