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| **Merit Badge:** | Geocaching  |
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|  | **Prerequisites:***list all requirements which needto be completed in advance* | **Use the online workbook to list the requirements.****Please complete the following requirements 48 hours or more before the meeting. Be prepared to discuss the remaining requirements during our meeting. Bring a compass and your GPS unit to our meeting.****Review Chuck Vohs Slide Show:** https://www.slideshare.net/ChuckVohs/geocaching-merit-badge-56126861?next\_slideshow=1Watch YouTube video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mv7ZnNFsgsQWith parent permission create a geocaching account here:https://www.geocaching.com/**8D. Prepare at least 2 plastic grocery bags with CITO written in marker on them. Use one to collect trash on your geohunt to complete requirement 7, and place the other in the cache you find. Have a way to show me the trash you found.****Send one email to me and at least one other trusted adult copied, with all the answers to the following requirements:****1A, 2A, 2C, 3, 4, 5B, 5C, 7.****9. Plan a geohunt with a theme. Using coordinates plan at least 4 waypoints in your hunt. Send me the theme and the coordinates.**  |
| **Class Work:***list all requirements which will be completed in class* | **1B. First aid****1C. Plan an activity****2B. Proper etiquette** **4. Be prepared to demonstrate the GPS or GPS app you used in your geohunt.****5A. Show how to use a map and compass together****5D. Plot UTM waypoint****6. Describe the coordinates of the first geocache you found.****7. Share the 3 geocaches you chose.****8. Show me your trash from your CITO outing.****9. We will review your geohunt.** |
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| **Use of “Online” Workbook:** | Found at = <http://usscouts.org/usscouts/mb/worksheets/Geocaching.docx> |
| **Purchase of Merit Badge Booklet:** | NOT REQUIREDhttps://www.amazon.com/Geocaching-Merit-Pamphlet-Scouts-America-ebook/dp/B087V6CRYG/ref=mp\_s\_a\_1\_8?dchild=1&qid=1588259502&refinements=p\_27%3ABoy+Scouts+of+America&s=digital-text&sr=1-8&text=Boy+Scouts+of+America |
| **Number of Sessions needed:***each session is 2 hours* | 1 |
| **Maximum Class Size:** | 10 |
| **Notes and/or Comments:** | **Every scout should try to obtain a Cyberchip appropriate to their age. This is not a requirement but a suggestion before attempting this MB. This link describes the process:**https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/cyber-chip/**Optional requirements:****You can choose other requirement options then the ones I chose. If you do, you will need to follow the time lines for those requirements.****8B. You can purchase a geocoin here:** http://www.geoscouting.com/order.html**At the end of 30 days, you can share your coin code and results, and I will accept Requirement 8 as completed.**Here is a cool YouTube video about handheld GPS Units and a brief Geocache hunt. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8JqOR1wdwtcWhenever you go on a scouting adventure; it’s cool to have a couple of these caches in your pocket, just in case your buddies need a pick-me-up on a bad day or at the end of a long hike. |