



Law



Merit Badge Workbook

This workbook can help you but you still need to read the merit badge pamphlet.

This Workbook can help you organize your thoughts as you prepare to meet with your merit badge counselor.

You still must satisfy your counselor that you can demonstrate each skill and have learned the information.

You should use the work space provided for each requirement to keep track of which requirements have been completed, and to make notes for discussing the item with your counselor, not for providing full and complete answers.

If a requirement says that you must take an action using words such as "discuss", "show", "tell", "explain", "demonstrate", "identify", etc, that is what you must do.

Merit Badge Counselors may not require the use of this or any similar workbooks.

No one may add or subtract from the official requirements found in Scouts BSA Requirements (Pub. 33216 – SKU 653801).

The requirements were last issued or revised in 2019 • This workbook was updated in June 2020.

Scout's Name: _____ Unit: _____

Counselor's Name: _____ Phone No.: _____ Email: _____

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1. Define "law."

Tell some of its sources.

Describe functions it serves.

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Give examples of each.

Civil law:

Criminal law:

4. Ask five people (not more than one from your immediate family) about the role of law enforcement officers in our society. Discuss their answers with them.

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- c Go to a law enforcement officer in your neighborhood and ask about his or her responsibilities and duties. Report your findings.

- 5. Tell about several laws that were passed to protect the consumer and the seller.

7. Arrange a visit with a lawyer who works for a business, bank, title company, or government agency. Find out his or her duties and responsibilities. Report what you learned.

8. Explain the requirements for becoming a lawyer in your state.

Describe how judges are selected in your state.

9. Make a list of 15 jobs which deal with some aspect of law or legal processes.

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11. Discuss with your counselor the importance of TWO of the following areas of the law:

- a. Environmental law
- b. Computers and the Internet
- c. Copyright and the Internet
- d. Immigration
- e. Patents
- f. Biotechnology
- g. Privacy law
- h. International law

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