

Communication Merit Badge

Zoom Merit Badge Progression Plan

The individual Scout may progress as they chose. Our Zoom Merit Badge Progression Plan is design to provide guidance to complete the merit badge requirements in six to eight weeks. It will be up the to the Scout to ensure that they Communicate with the counselor when they would like to discuss each item when outside the Zoom conference. The Scout may chose to participate in one or all of the sessions. The Scout may chose to complete some of the requirements during the Zoom sessions or later in the year.

Youth Protection Requirements

At all times the counselor must ensure that there is no one on one communication. If you need to contact the merit badge counselor there needs to be another adult involved. Please ensure that you include your parent on any emails.

Lesson Plan

Date: Week One

- A. Overview of the Communication Merit Badge.
- B. Timeline and Meeting Schedule.
- C. Communication with Merit Badge Counselors. Blue Card
- D. Prepare to complete 1 c.

"In a small-group setting, meet with other Scouts or with friends. Have them share personal stories about significant events in their lives that affected them in some way. Take note of how each Scout participates in the group discussion and how effectively he communicates his story."

Preparation:

1. Think of a significant event. This can be from you being a small child to the current event. This about whether you were happy, sad, fearful, surprised, etc...

Example. 1. I remember when I had my first campout with the Scouts without my parents.

Example 2. I remember when my father came home from being in the Iraqi War.

Example 3. I remember meeting my best friend.

2. Be prepared to take notes on the other Scout's stories and discuss how effectively they communicated their story. We will discuss what each Scout intends to communicate and what was actually communicated. Did you obtain information, be persuaded, enjoy the story or understand the feelings?

E. Prepare to complete 7 a. or 7 c.

"Write to the editor of a magazine or your local newspaper to express your opinion or share information on any subject you choose." **Or**

"Use desktop publishing to produce a newsletter, brochure, flier, or other printed material for your Scout troop, class at school, or other group. Include at least one article and one photograph or illustration."

Send your editorial to curt@cu7.org & sam@samalbrecht.com. Remember to include a parent email address when you send this email.

We will review each submission on our meeting.

Date: Week Two

A. Prepare to complete 3.

"Write a five minutes speech. Give it at a meeting of a group."

You will be giving your speech to the group on Zoom.

Please include the following elements;

- Introduction (who you are and why are you giving this speech)
- Subject (summary of what you will you be talking about)
- Message (What are you trying to talk about. Include what, where, when and why if you can)
- Review in one sentence of what you were giving the speech about.
- Closing (Thank the participates for listening and invite them to contact you with questions)

Date: Week Three

A. Prepare to complete 9.

"Find out about three career opportunities in the field of communication."

"Pick one and explain how to prepare for such a career."

Be prepared to discuss;

Education or Training requirements.

Tell why you would be interested in the career.

Date: Week Four

A. Prepare to complete 6.

Select one skill that you would like to teach.

I am going to suggest that you utilize one of the rank requirements. For example Tenderfoot item 4b. or Second Class item 3a. Find something that you would enjoy teaching someone.

You will be teaching the skill to other participants on the Zoom conference.

Date: Week Five

A. Prepare to complete 4.

" Interview someone you know fairly well, like, or respect because of his or her position, talent, career, or life experiences."

" Listen actively to learn as much as you can about the person. Then prepare and deliver to your counselor an introduction of the person as though this person were to be a guest speaker, and include reasons why the audience would want to hear this person speak."

Date: Week Six

A. Prepare to complete 8.

"Plan a troop or crew court of honor, campfire program, or interfaith worship service."

" Have the patrol leaders' council approve it, then write the script and prepare the program."

" Serve as master of ceremonies"

We will discuss this further and give more guidance on this item as we progress on the merit badge

Date: Week Seven

Prepare to complete 5.

"Attend a public meeting (city council, school board, debate) approved by your counselor where several points of view are given on a single issue."

" Practice active listening skills and take careful notes of each point of view. Prepare an objective report that includes all points of view that were expressed, and share this with your counselor"

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Date: Week Eight

The scout will be able to discuss any item that was previously assigned but not completed.