

A note from Jeromy Rutledge – Communications Merit Badge Counselor:
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PARENTS: I need your help. The boys have to present a variety of topics during the two sessions we meet. If 5 parents would commit to being at each session (you don't have to do it twice), we can get through all the presentations. We break up into small groups and the boys will present to an adult and a group of peers taking the badge. We have only an hour to meet, so we must do presentations simultaneously. I have forms for you to fill out as you listen to the presentations. **Please let me know if you can help.**

The Communications Merit Badge will be taught February 13th and April 23rd at 6:00 pm prior to the troop meeting. First Class Scouts and above are eligible to attend these merit badge sessions. This is an Eagle required badge.

This badge requires much work to be done prior to each session as we spend time in each one hour session either listening to prepared presentations by the scouts earning the badge, or discussing requirements for the badge. Feel free to go to one of these websites to find the requirements for this badge but **DO NOT HAND IN ANY REQUIREMENTS USING THE WORKBOOK.**

<http://usscouts.org/usscouts/mb/mb005.asp>

or

<http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Communications>

This is the Communications Merit Badge, so presentation counts. All work must be handed in, either typed or written neatly, using full sentences and correct punctuation. Be sure to read the Communications Merit Badge book or look up the information online to understand active listening.

For the first session on February 13th, each participating scout is asked to prepare the following ahead of time and bring to and/or be ready to present at the merit badge session that evening:

Requirement 1a or 1b: Bring the log or journal and hand it in. Be sure all papers are stapled together and your name is on the first page.

Requirement 2a: Bring a collage to the first meeting to hand in. Make sure your name is on it.

Requirement 3: **BE PREPARED TO GIVE THE 5 MINUTE SPEECH AT THIS FIRST MEETING.**

Requirement 6: In writing, in full sentences, propose the skill you plan to teach at the second merit badge session on April 23rd. This needs to be brought to this first meeting - plan to teach the skill proposed on April 23rd.

You can also work ahead of time on the other Requirements. These are all written reports that should be handed in to me (or e-mailed to me at jeromy_rutledge@att.net). Please do not use the workbook and remember that presentation counts! These requirements include:

Requirement 4: This should be in written form, using full sentences and correct punctuation.

Requirement 5: To fulfill Requirement 5, The Leawood City Council meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30 pm at Leawood City Hall. The Blue Valley Board of Education meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at the District Office Board Room, 151st and Metcalf. The Leawood Planning Commission meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. You can pull the agendas for these meetings off their respective web sites. You can go to other town meetings or school board meetings in other districts – there are other alternatives, so if you have a question about the meeting you want to attend, email me. You must physically be present at a meeting "where several points of view are given on a single issue." Practice active listening, and take careful notes of each point of view. Then, write a report (full sentences) that includes all points of views expressed. Please attach the agenda for the meeting you attend to your report that you will hand in to fulfill this requirement. Again, a one page written report and, again, do not use the workbook.

Requirement 7 (a, b, or c):

Requirement 8: You'll need to coordinate this requirement both with me and with your Senior Patrol Leader and/or Scoutmaster.

Requirement 9: This should be in written form, again using full sentences and correct punctuation.

All the work you hand in must have your name on it. If you are handing in multiple items (and you should be handing in multiple items at the first meeting on Feb 14th) be sure to clip them together. You should keep copies of all your work. I will not accept incomplete requirements nor will I accept a paper without a name.

Please remember you must be at least First Class Rank or above. You MUST arrive on time to both sessions. You MUST be in full Class "A" Uniform. Please bring the Merit Badge Book, Pen & Paper to both sessions.

If anyone has any questions, email me at jeromy_rutledge@att.net or call me at 913-433-6005. THANK YOU!

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