

CAMP SQUANTO
APPLICATION FOR MERIT BADGE

Sports

Week# _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Scout: _____ Unit: _____ Town: _____

Scoutmaster's Approval for application: _____

The above named Scout has appeared before me and demonstrated, to my satisfaction, that he has met all or *partial requirements for the **Orienteering** Merit Badge.

 Camp Counselor (Signature)

 Scoutmaster (Signature when completed)

All relevant paperwork is attached to this form.

*If a partial was earned, CIRCLE all the requirements that **were not met**.

1. Show that you know first aid for the types of injuries that could occur while orienteering, including cuts, scratches, blisters, snakebite, insect stings, tick bites, heat and cold reactions (sunburn, heatstroke, heat exhaustion, hypothermia), and dehydration. Explain to your counselor why you should be able to identify poisonous plants and poisonous animals that are found in your area.
2. Explain what orienteering is.
3. Do the following:
 - A. Explain how a compass works. Describe the features of an orienteering compass.
 - B. In the field, show how to take a compass bearing and follow it.
4. Do the following:
 - A. Explain how a topographic map shows terrain features. Point out and name five terrain features on a map and in the field.
 - B. Point out and name 10 symbols on a topographic map.
 - C. Explain the meaning of *declination*. Tell why you must consider declination when using map and compass together.
 - D. Show a topographic map with magnetic north-south lines.
 - E. Show how to measure distances using an orienteering compass.
 - F. Show how to orient a map using a compass.
5. Set up a 100-meter pace course. Determine your walking and running pace for 100 meters. Tell why it is important to pace-count.
6. Do the following:
 - A. Identify 20 international control description symbols. Tell the meaning of each symbol.
7. Do the following:
 - A. Take part in three orienteering events. One of these must be a cross-country course.
 - B. After each event, write a report with
 1. a copy of the master map and control description sheet ,
 2. a copy of the route you took on the course,
 3. a discussion of how you could improve your time between control points, and
 4. a list of your major weaknesses on this course . Describe what you could do to improve.
8. Do ONE of the following:
 - A. Set up a cross-country course of at least 2,000 meters long with at least five control markers. Prepare the master map and control description sheet.
 - B. Set up a score-orienteering course with 12 control points and a time limit of at least 60 minutes. Prepare the master map and control description sheet.
9. Act as an official during an orienteering even. This may be during the running of the course you set up for requirement 8.
10. Teach orienteering techniques to your patrol, troop or crew.

Note to the Counselor:

While orienteering is primarily an individual sport, BSA Youth Protection procedures call for using the buddy system. Requirement 7a can be completed by pairs or groups of Scouts.