



Introduction

Your challenge as a summer camp merit badge counselor is to see that the Scouts who attend your session have the best opportunity to learn all about camping. It is important that they have a positive experience. This lesson plan is designed to help you plan a logical, high-quality program. You may have to use a slightly different approach in presenting the material based on your camp resources and facilities.

Resources

Be sure to utilize all the resources available to you. State and federal agencies or other organizations can provide you with a variety of materials and even personnel to help you in presenting the Camping merit badge program.

DAY	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
1	Greet Scouts	A. Examine all merit badge cards for the Scoutmaster's signature. Make a roster of the Scouts.
	Discuss	B. Review requirement 1 and have Scouts demonstrate first-aid techniques. Sign off on requirements as they complete them.
	Discuss 1 Demonstrate	C. Discuss and demonstrate requirement 4.
		D. Show a model campsite.
	Discuss	E. Discuss requirements 3, 4, and 7a. Have Scouts prepare a presentation for tomorrow's session. Let them be creative in how to present these items.
2	Discuss 1 Demonstrate	A. Have Scouts discuss and demonstrate requirements 3, 4, and 7a.
	Demonstrate	B. Discuss requirements 6 a–d, then allow Scouts to complete that requirement in a group discussion making sure each Scout participates.
	Prepare	C. Prepare a menu as stated in requirement 7b.
	Demonstrate	D. Demonstrate requirement 7c. Ask Scouts to make preparations for a personal demonstration in class tomorrow.
3	Discuss 1 Demonstrate	A. Discuss and demonstrate requirements 2, 3, and 7.
	Plan	B. Make plans for the overnight on day 4.
	Demonstrate	C. Make sure that the campout is at least four miles round-trip from your starting point.

Reminder

D. Remind Scouts that they will be expected to complete requirement 9b as part of the overnight.

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Discuss

A. Discuss final plans for the overnight.

Hikes/stoves

B. Begin the hike to the campout location and have Scouts complete requirements 8a–c and requirement 10.

Note

C. Inform the Scoutmaster of any Scout who might not complete the badge.

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Wrap up

A. Wrap up all the requirements. Prepare the merit badge cards for the proper signatures. If any Scout does not complete all the requirements, make sure that his records properly indicate the requirements that he has completed and that the Scout knows why he did not complete the badge requirements.

B. Submit necessary records to the camp program director.