

## Communication Merit Badge

### Hidden Oaks Nature Center

The Communication merit badge is a 4 hour session. Scouts should bring a snack and plenty of water. Please no red liquids

What to bring:

- Blue card, pen and pencil.
- Snack and water.
- Prework.

Prework

3. Write a five-minute speech. Give it at a meeting of a group.\*
4. Interview a person you know, like, or respect because of his or her position, talent, career, or life experiences. Listen actively and take notes.  
Use this information to prepare a formal introduction as if they were a guest speaker at an event. Highlight their experiences, education, and important qualities.
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.\*
7. Do **ONE** of the following:
  - a. Write to the editor of a magazine or your local newspaper to express your opinion or share information on any subject you choose. Send your message by fax, email or regular mail.  
**Provide a copy for your counselor to review.**

b. Create a web page or blog of special interest to you (for instance, your troop or crew, a hobby, or a sport). Include at least three articles or entries and one photograph or illustration, and one link to some other Web page or blog that would be helpful to someone who visits the Web page or blog you have created. It is not necessary to post your Web page or blog to the Internet, but if you decide to do so, you must first share it with your parents and counselor and get their permission.

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c. 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.

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8. Plan a troop or crew court of honor, campfire program, or an interfaith worship service. Have the patrol leaders' council approve it, then write the script and prepare the program. Serve as master of ceremonies.

**Provide a copy of the script and other evidence, such as photos or an outline, for your counselor to review.**

For help or questions, contact Emily Cole at [Emily.cole@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Emily.cole@fairfaxcounty.gov), or at (703) 941-1065.

\*Several other merit badges have requirements that can be counted for number 3. If your Scout has already completed the Weather merit badge (Requirement 10a), the Reptiles and Amphibians merit badge (Requirement 9c) or the Public Speaking merit badge (Requirements 1-4) they may use those requirements for number 3.

\*If your Scout has already attended a meeting for the Citizenship in the Community merit badge (Requirement 3) they may use that requirement for number 5.