

**COMMUNICATION Merit Badge Requirements/Prerequisites/Syllabus - Counselor: Don Fest**

No.	Requirement	Due Date	Counselor Notes
1d	List as many ways as you can think of to communicate with others (face-to-face, by telephone, letter, e-mail, text messages, and so on). For each type of communication discuss with your counselor an instance when that method might not be appropriate or effective	Midnight on Sunday before the first session	Submit this list via Google Classroom by Midnight on Sunday before the first session. Be prepared to discuss in class.
2b	Choose a concept, product, or service in which you have great confidence. Build a sales plan based on its good points. Try to persuade the counselor to agree with, use, or buy your concept, product or service. After your sales talk, discuss with your counselor how persuasive you were.	In class on second session	Will be discussed in the first class and presented in the second class.
3	Write a five-minute speech. Give it at a meeting of a group.	Will be given in the first session	You will be giving the 5 minute speech to the group in the first session. Write it first. Your speech should have an into, the main topic and a conclusion. Practice at home with your family and time it. Make sure it's a close to 5 minutes as possible. (Ideally 5:00-5:45).
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. Show how you would call to invite this person to speak.	Will be presented in the second session	Will be discussed in the first class and presented in the second class.
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. <b>Prepare an objective report that includes all points of view that were expressed</b> , and share this with your counselor.	Submit your report by Midnight on Wednesday before the second session	Attend a virtual council meeting. Most towns are having these on line.
6	With your counselor's approval, develop a plan to teach a skill or inform someone about something. Prepare teaching aids for your plan. Carry out your plan. With your counselor, determine whether the person has learned what you intended.	Submit your report by Midnight on Wednesday before the second session	Teach the skill to a family member and write a short report (paragraph) about how it went. We will discuss how it went in the second session.
7a	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.	Submit a copy of the email by Midnight on Wednesday before the second session	Use email for this to expedite.
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.	Submit proof before the last session	If you have already done this, please have your Scoutmaster or an Assistant Scoutmaster write you a note or email stating what you did and when you did it. Submit via Google Classroom before the last session. If you have not done this already, you will receive a partial merit badge.
9	Find out about three career opportunities in the field of communication. Pick one and find out the education, training, and experience required for this profession. Discuss this with your counselor, and explain why this profession might interest you.	Midnight on Sunday before the first session	Submit your report about the three careers via Google Classroom. We will briefly discuss in the first session.