



AWARD WORKSHEET

National Outdoor Badge: Camping

Venturing

Name

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The National Outdoor Badge for Camping recognizes Scouts and Venturers who spend lots of time camping and build strong outdoor skills. It's a great goal for anyone who loves nights under the stars.

Requirements

Every official requirement, in plain language. Check the official wording when you sign off (scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/noa/). Tips and examples are ideas, not extra requirements.

- ☐ **1** Earn First Class rank or Sea Scout Apprentice rank, or finish Venturing Ranger Award requirements 1–6

Tip: Make sure you've finished First Class, Sea Scout Apprentice, or the listed Ranger requirements first.

- ☐ **2** Finish all the Camping merit badge requirements

Tip: Work with a counselor on the Camping merit badge. You'll use those skills on every trip.

Example: The Camping merit badge covers trip planning, gear, menus, and a set number of nights of camping. Keep one detailed log of every trip so you can show both your counselor and your leader the same records.

- ☐ **3** Finish two of these three: Cooking merit badge or the Ranger core in Cooking; First Aid merit badge or the Ranger core in First Aid; Pioneering merit badge

Tip: Choose two from cooking, first aid, and pioneering. Pick the ones you'll enjoy and use most.

Example: Pick what you'll use most: Cooking if you like planning meals for a group, First Aid if you want to be ready for emergencies, or Pioneering if you like building towers, bridges, and camp gadgets with rope and spars.

- ☐ **4** Camp 25 days and nights in approved Scouting America outings (nights from 1–3 count), including 6 straight days and 5 nights; Scouts do that stretch at an accredited Scouting America resident camp, and Sea Scouts may spend it aboard a boat

Tip: Keep a log of every day and night you camp toward the 25. A week at an accredited resident camp, like council summer camp, can cover that part.

Example: A log entry might read: "June 14–20, council summer camp, 6 days and 5 nights, tent camping." Track every trip with dates, place, and nights so the total is easy to check.