

Camping Merit Badge Requirement 9b Suspension

BSA has temporarily suspended Camping merit badge requirement 9b for Scouts who are unable to access venues for doing these activities to complete the merit badge with limited time available before turning 18.

This modification is not intended for younger Scouts who have time to complete the requirement after the pandemic is resolved.

Requirement (9b) On any of these (Scouting) camping experiences, you must do TWO of the following, only with proper preparation and under qualified supervision.

- (1) Hike up a mountain, gaining at least 1,000 vertical feet.
- (2) Backpack, snowshoe, or cross-country ski for at least 4 miles.
- (3) Take a bike trip of at least 15 miles or at least four hours.
- (4) Take a nonmotorized trip on the water of at least four hours or 5 miles.
- (5) Plan and carry out an overnight snow camping experience.
- (6) Rappel down a rappel route of 30 feet or more.

Although this requirement adds "Scout fun" to a camping experience, it will be temporarily suspended as a requirement to earn this badge. All other Camping merit badge requirements must still be completed to earn this badge. Upon direction from the National Council, requirement 9b will be reinstated with 30 days' notice to our Scouting community through national channels.