

CUB SCOUT ACADEMICS & SPORTS

A Virtual Requirements Guide



NEW ACADEMICS LOOPS & PINS

Five new Academics areas have been added. They are "Astronomy," "Collecting," "Geology," "Language and Culture," and "Map and Compass."

NEW SPORTS LOOPS & PINS

Four new Sports areas have been added. They are "Flag Football," "Ice Skating," "Roller Skating, and "Snow Ski and Board Sports."

SOME SPORTS LOOPS & PINS REMOVED

"Archery" and "BB Shooting" are now documented in the BSA Shooting Sports guide. "Skating" has been removed in favor of "Ice Skating," and "Roller Skating. "Skiing" has been removed in favor of "Snow Ski and Board Sports."

TWO SPORTS AREAS ARE UPDATED

The "Bicycling" and "Swimming" sports areas have both been updated with new and / or revised requirements.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ASTRONOMY ACADEMICS BELT LOOP

Complete these three requirements:

- Set up and demonstrate how to focus a simple telescope or binoculars.
- Draw a diagram of our solar system--identify the planets and other objects.
- Explain the following terms: planet, star, solar system, galaxy, the Milky Way, black hole, red giant, white dwarf, comet, meteor, moon, asteroid, and universe.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COLLECTING ACADEMICS BELT LOOP

Complete these three requirements:

- Begin a collection of at least 10 items that all have something in common. Label the items and title your collection.
- Display your collection at a pack or den meeting.
- Visit a show or museum that displays different collections.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GEOLOGY ACADEMICS BELT LOOP

Complete these three requirements:

- Define geology.
- Collect a sample of igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic rocks. Explain how each was formed.
- Explain the difference between a rock and a mineral.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LANGUAGE & CULTURE ACADEMICS BELT LOOP

Complete these three requirements:

- Talk with someone who grew up in a different country than you did. Find out what it was like and how it is different from your experience.
- Learn 10 words that are in a different language than your own.
- Play two games that originated in another country or culture.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAP & COMPASS ACADEMICS BELT LOOP

Complete these three requirements:

- Show how to orient a map. Find three landmarks on the map
- Explain how a compass works.
- Draw a map of your neighborhood. Label the streets and plot the route you take to get to a place that you often visit.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BICYCLING SPORTS BELT LOOP

Complete these three requirements:

- Explain the rules of safe bicycling to your den leader or adult partner.
- Demonstrate how to wear the proper safety equipment for bicycling.
- Show how to ride a bike safely. Ride for at least half an hour with an adult partner, family, or den.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FLAG FOOTBALL SPORTS BELT LOOP

Complete these three requirements:

- Explain or discuss the simple rules of flag football with your den.
- Practice running, passing, and catching skills for at least 30 minutes.
- Play a game of flag football.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ICE SKATING SPORTS BELT LOOP

Complete these three requirements:

- Explain ways to protect yourself while ice skating, and the need for proper safety equipment.
- Spend at least 30 minutes practicing the skills of skating.
- Go ice skating with a family member or den for at least three hours. Chart your time.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ROLLER SKATING SPORTS BELT LOOP

Complete these three requirements:

- Explain ways to protect yourself while roller skating or inline skating, and the need for proper safety equipment.
- Spend at least 30 minutes practicing the skills of roller skating or inline skating.
- Go skating with a family member or den for at least three hours. Chart your time.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SNOW SKI AND BOARD SPORTS BELT LOOP

Complete these three requirements:

- Explain conditioning, clothing, equipment, and planning needed for snow skiing or boarding.
- Be able to explain safety and courtesy codes for a downhill or cross-country trip.
- Go skiing or snow boarding. Demonstrate how to stop and turn.