**What have we covered so far?**

**#1c** – Completed on 5 JAN**[[1]](#footnote-1)**

Discussion **#5** (Listening / attending meeting / taking notes)

Discussion **#3** (5m speeches) & **#2ab** (prod / self intro)

Discussion **#4** (Interviewing and intro of people)

Discussion **#6** (EDGE training w/ teaching aids**[[2]](#footnote-2)**)

Challenger Case Study: effect of poor communication

Discussion **#7** (blog / letter)

Discussion **#8** (Campfire or MC - plan / execute)

Discussion **#9** (Careers discussion)

**What is due?**

(in class) - **#2ab** - product or self intro

(in class) - **#3** - 5m speeches

(h/w) - **#4** - Interview / introduction (in class discussion)

(h/w) - **#5** - Attend meeting (w/ approval prior) & take notes

(h/w) - **#6** – Teach a skill / was it learned?

(h/w) - **#7** - Blog / letter / website / desktop publishing

(h/w) - **#8** - Plan for ceremony (which you will do later)

(h/w) - **#9** - Research 3 careers, talk about 1 in class

**When is it due?**

* Scouts should come to the next 3 meetings prepared for **#2ab** and **#3** [prod / self intro & 5m speeches]
* Other requirements should be turned in when completed

**Requirements:**

**1. Do ONE of the following:**

⬜ a. For one day, keep a log in which you describe your communication activities. Keep track of the time and different ways you spend communicating, such as talking person-to-person, listening to teachers or the radio, watching television, using social media, reading books and other print media, and using any electronic communication device.

⬜ b. For three days, keep a journal of your listening experiences.

⬜ c. In a small-group setting, meet with other Scouts or with friends. Have them share personal stories about significant events in their lives that affected them in some way. Take note of how each Scout participates in the group discussion and how effectively he communicates his story.

⬜ d. 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.

1. **Do ONE of the following:**

⬜ a. Think of a creative way to describe yourself using, for example, a collage, short story or autobiography, drawing or series of photographs, or a song or skit. Using the aid you created, make a presentation to your counselor about yourself.

⬜ b. 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.

**3. Write a five-minute speech. Give it at a meeting of a group.**

**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

**5. Do the following:**

⬜ Attend a public meeting (city council, school board, debate) approved by your counselor**[[3]](#footnote-3)** 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, and share this with your counselor.

**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.

**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, ⬜ e-mail, or ⬜ regular mail.

⬜ 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.

⬜ 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.

**8. ⬜ Plan a troop or crew court of honor, campfire program, or interfaith worship service.**

 **⬜ Have the patrol leaders' council approve it, then write the script and prepare the program.**

 **⬜ Serve as master of ceremonies.**

**9. Find out about three career opportunities in the field of communication.**

Pick one and explain how to prepare for such a career.

Discuss with your counselor what education and training are required, and explain why this profession might interest you.

***If you think you are behind, DON'T PANIC! There will be many opportunities to complete this merit badge during the course of your Scouting Career!***

If you are confused about the requirements or expectations, please let me know.

Yours in Scouting,



1. We completed Req 1c on the first day.  If you missed the first session, please do Requirement 1a or 1b. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. \*\*\* This is separate from Life EDGE req \*\*\* [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. If you don’t talk to me about it first it may not satisfy the req [↑](#footnote-ref-3)