



Public Speaking Merit Badge

Requirement 1

Give a three to five minute speech about yourself. Here are details you may want to include:

1. Where do you live?
2. What troop do you belong to?
3. How old are you?
4. What is your scout rank?
5. What grade are you in?
6. Do you have any siblings?
7. What do you like to do when not in school?
8. Do you play sports? If so, which ones?
9. Are you an expert in anything?
10. What awards have you won?
11. Do you have a funny or interesting story to share?
12. What is your favorite movie?
13. Who is your favorite YouTuber?
14. What food do you like to eat?
15. When do you expect to become an Eagle scout?

Requirement 2

Prepare a three to five minute speech of any topic. Be sure to deliver your speech using visual aids and body language. Here are some tips to be successful with this requirement:

1. Stand up so your audience can see all of you.
2. Feel free to move around.
3. Be yourself
4. Use pictures
5. Use charts
6. Use PowerPoint or Google slides
7. Use video
8. Use music
9. Perform a live demonstration
10. Make your audience laugh



Requirement 3

Give an impromptu talk of at least two minutes using a topic your counselor has picked. Here are some tips to be successful with this requirement:

1. Relax
2. Be yourself
3. Stay confident
4. Just have a conversation
5. You don't always have to agree

Requirement 4

Choose a topic. Collect and organize information about that topic and format it in an outline. Write an eight to ten minute speech about your topic. Here are some tips to be successful with this requirement:

Example Outline

Topic: How to Make Awesome Bread

Introduction

- I. Thank you for the opportunity to speak about this topic
- II. My name is.....
- III. Did you know that during a virus pandemic, the two main items that disappear off store shelves very quickly are toilet paper and bread. Strange, right? No one sees that one coming about toilet paper. But...I'm not here to talk about toilet paper. I am here to show you how incredibly easy is it to make bread that is even better than what comes off the shelves in the store. And, you don't ever have to worry about running out.

Body

- I. Proofing your yeast
- II. Dry ingredients
- III. Make the dough
- IV. Knead and let rise
- V. Shape and let rise
- VI. Bake
- VII. Cool and cut



Conclusion

1. Making bread is not just about following a recipe, it is about technique and patience...

Requirement 5

Show that you know parliamentary procedure. Use the following study guide to prepare for the in-class game show.

1. Parliamentary Procedure is a meeting method used in very formal meetings.
2. Formal meetings = government meetings, corporate meetings, and non-profit organization meetings.
3. When following the parliamentary procedure in a meeting, the set of rules used are known as Robert's Rules of Order.
4. Robert's Rules of Order were established to ensure fair, proper, and democratic way of running meetings.
5. The primary outcome of Robert's Rules of Order is that all meeting participants have a fair opportunity to present their point of view.
6. In a meeting, that is following Parliamentary Procedure, the chairperson is always in charge and is required to enforce the rules equally for all participants.
7. Chairpersons = government leaders (i.e. mayor), organization leaders (i.e. board chairman), and company leaders (i.e. CEO).
8. Chairpersons always make an opening statement in the beginning of a meeting and closing statement at the end.
9. The primary responsibilities of a chairperson is to facilitate discussion and enforce Robert's Rules of Order.
10. Chairpersons do very little talking during the discussion phase of a meeting. They allow everyone else to talk.
11. However, chairpersons also need to discourage or shutdown long, pointless speeches that just waste time.
12. One of the key actions taken in meetings that use the Parliamentary Procedure method are "motions".
13. A motion is a formal recommendation put by a participant during a meeting for debate and consideration.
14. All motions must include a second person to agree and then are voted on.

Example

Participant # 1: "I motion to pass the current budget plan".

Participant # 2: "I second the motion".

Chairperson: "All in favor of passing the current budget plan"?