

CAMP SQUANTO

APPLICATION FOR MERIT BADGE

Nature

Week# \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Scout: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Scoutmaster's Approval for application: \_\_\_\_\_

The above named Scout has appeared before me and demonstrated, to my satisfaction, that he has met  all or  \*partial requirements for the **Fishing** Merit Badge.

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Camp Counselor (Signature)

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Scoutmaster (Signature when completed)

All relevant paperwork is attached to this form.

\*If a partial was earned, CIRCLE all the requirements that **were not met**.

1. Do the following:
  - a. Discuss the prevention of and treatment for the following health concerns that could occur while fishing, including cuts, scratches, puncture wounds, insect bites, hypothermia, dehydration, heat exhaustion, heatstroke, and sunburn.
  - b. Explain how to remove a hook that has lodged in your arm.
  - c. Name and explain five safety practices you should always follow while fishing.
2. Discuss the differences between two types of fishing outfits. Point out and identify the parts of several types of rods and reels. Explain how and when each would be used. Review with your counselor how to care for this equipment.
3. Demonstrate the proper use of two different types of fishing equipment.
4. Demonstrate how to tie the following knots: clinch, Palomar, turtle, blood loop (barrel knot), and double surgeon's loop. Explain how and when each knot is used.
5. Name and identify five basic artificial lures and five natural baits and explain how to fish with them. Explain why bait fish are not to be released.
6. Do the following:
  - a. Explain the importance of practicing Leave No Trace techniques. Discuss the positive effects of Leave No Trace on fishing resources.
  - b. Discuss the meaning and importance of catch and release. Describe how to properly release a fish safely to the water.
7. Obtain and review a copy of the regulations affecting game fishing where you live. Explain why they were adopted and what you accomplish by following them.
8. Explain what good outdoor sportsmanlike behavior is and how it relates to anglers. Tell how the Outdoor Code of the Boy Scouts of America relates to a fishing sports enthusiast, including the aspects of littering, trespassing, courteous behavior, and obeying fishing regulations.
9. Catch at least one fish. If regulations and health concerns permit, clean and cook a fish you have caught. Otherwise, acquire a fish and cook it.