



Electronics

Merit Badge Workbook



This workbook can help you but you still need to read the merit badge pamphlet.

This Workbook can help you organize your thoughts as you prepare to meet with your merit badge counselor.

You still must satisfy your counselor that you can demonstrate each skill and have learned the information.

You should use the work space provided for each requirement to keep track of which requirements have been completed, and to make notes for discussing the item with your counselor, not for providing full and complete answers.

If a requirement says that you must take an action using words such as "discuss", "show", "tell", "explain", "demonstrate", "identify", etc, that is what you must do.

Merit Badge Counselors may not require the use of this or any similar workbooks.

No one may add or subtract from the official requirements found in Boy Scout Requirements (Pub. 33216 – SKU 637685).

The requirements were last issued or revised in 2004 • This workbook was updated in May 2017.

Scout's Name: _____

Unit: _____

Counselor's Name: _____

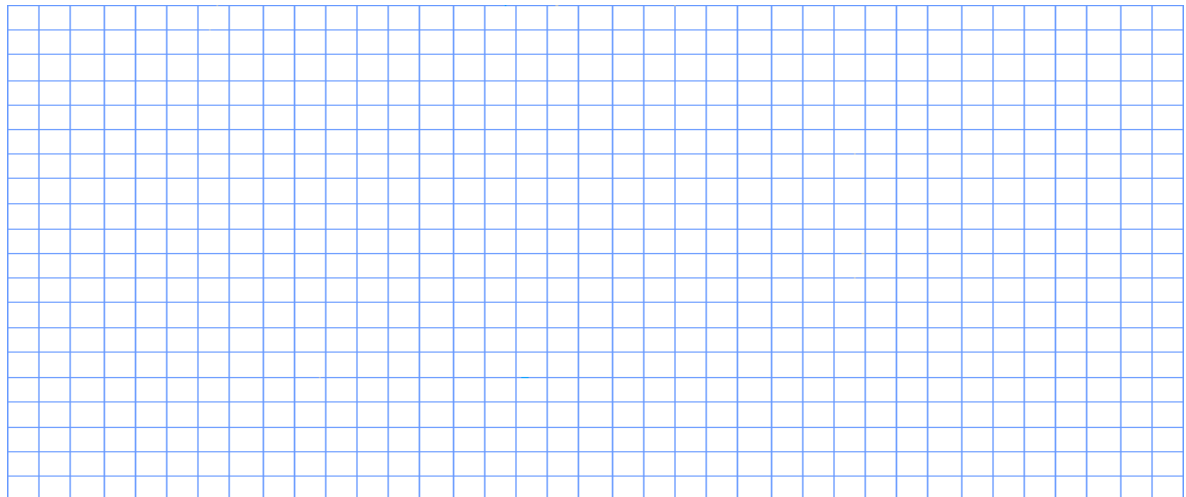
Counselor's Phone No.: _____

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1. Describe the safety precautions you must exercise when using, building, altering, or repairing electronic devices.

2. Do the following:
- a. Draw a simple schematic diagram. It must show resistors, capacitors, and transistors or integrated circuits. Use the correct symbols. Label all parts.



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b. Tell the purpose of each part.

Resistor:

Capacitor:

Transistor:

Integrated circuit:

Other?:

3. Do the following:

- a. Show the right way to solder and desolder.
- b. Show how to avoid heat damage to electronic components.
- c. Tell about the function of a printed circuit board.

Tell what precautions should be observed when soldering printed circuit boards.

4. Discuss each of the following with your merit badge counselor, and then choose ONE of the following and build a circuit to show the techniques used: (*Hint: an electronics kit may be used. Consider one of the kits from your Scout Shop.*)

- a. Tell how you can use electronics for a control purpose, and then build a control device circuit.

- Build a control device circuit.

- b. Tell about the basic principles of digital techniques, and then build a digital circuit.

- Build a digital circuit.

- Show how to change three decimal numbers into binary numbers and three binary numbers into decimal numbers.

- c. Tell about three audio applications of electronics, and then build an audio circuit.

1.	
2.	

3.

Build an audio circuit.

Show how to read the schematic diagram of the project you chose and, to the best of your ability, explain to your counselor how the circuit you built operates.

5. Do the following:

- a. Show how to solve a simple problem involving current, voltage, and resistance using Ohm's law.
- b. Tell about the need for and the use of test equipment in electronics.

Name three types of test equipment. Tell how they operate.

1.	
2.	
3.	

6. Find out about three career opportunities in electronics that interest you.

1.	
2.	
3.	

Discuss with and explain to your counselor what training and education are needed for each position.

1. Training:	
Education:	

2. Training:	
Education:	

3. Training:	
Education:	

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