Emergency Preparedness BSA

The Award

When a member has fulfilled the requirements, a completed application is submitted to the council. Upon approval, an Emergency Preparedness pin is awarded. The pin may be worn on civilian clothing or on the uniform, centered on the left pocket flap. The award may be earned more than once; for instance, as a young person advances through the ranks and is capable of more complex preparedness activities, but only one pin may be worn.

All emergency activities carried out by Scouting units must be appropriate for the ages and abilities of the young people involved. Units should participate only under the supervision of their own leaders, and plans for unit help must be coordinated with community agencies responsible for disaster preparedness.

Tiger Cub Requirements

1. Complete Tiger Cub Achievement 3-Keeping Myself Healthy and Safe.
2. This achievement covers a family fire plan and drill and what to do if separated from the family.
3. Complete Tiger Cub Elective 27-Emergency! This elective helps a Tiger Cub be ready for emergencies and dangerous situations and has him discuss a family emergency plan with his family.
4. With your parent or guardian's help, complete one of these three activities.
   - o Take the American Red Cross *First Aid for Children Today* (FACT) course.
   - o Join a safe kids program such as McGruff Child Identification, Internet Safety, or Safety at Home.
   - o Show and tell your family household what you have learned about preparing for emergencies.

Wolf Cub Scout Requirements

1. Complete Wolf Cub Scout Achievement 9*-Be Safe at Home and on the Street. This is a check of your home to keep it safe.
2. Complete Wolf Cub Scout Elective 16*-Family Alert. This elective is about designing a plan for your home and family in case an emergency takes place.
3. With your parent or guardian's help, complete one of the following activities that you have not already completed for this award as a Tiger Cub:
   - o Take American Red Cross *Basic Aid Training* (BAT) to learn emergency skills and care for choking, wounds, nose bleeds, falls, and animal bites. This course includes responses for fire safety, poisoning, water accidents, substance abuse, and more.
   - o Make a presentation to your family on what you have learned about preparing for emergencies.
   - o Join a Safe Kids program such as McGruff Child Identification program. Put on a training program for your family or den on stranger awareness, Internet safety, or safety at home.

* Achievement and elective *numbers* could change; the achievement or elective title determines what the requirement is.

Bear Cub Scout Requirements

1. Complete Bear Cub Scout Achievement 11*-Be Ready. The focus of this achievement is the best way to handle emergencies.
2. Make a small display or give a presentation for your family or den on what you have learned about preparing for emergencies.
3. With your parent or guardian's help, complete one of the following activities that you have not already completed for this award as a Tiger Cub or Wolf Cub Scout:
   - o Take American Red Cross *Basic Aid Training* (BAT) to learn emergency skills and care for choking, wounds, nose bleeds, falls, and animal bites. This course includes responses for fire safety, poisoning, water accidents, substance abuse, and more..
   - o Put together a family emergency kit for use in the home.
   - o Organize a safe kids program such as McGruff Child Identification program. Put on a training program for your family or den on stranger awareness, Internet safety, or safety at home.

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Webelos Scout Requirements

1. Earn the Readyman activity badge from the community badge group.
2. Build a family emergency kit, with an adult family member participating in the project.
3. With your parent or guardian's help, complete one of the following that you have not already completed for this award as a Tiger Cub or Wolf or Bear Cub Scout:
    - Take a first aid course conducted by your local American Red Cross chapter.
    - Give a presentation to your den on preparing for emergencies.
    - Organize a training program for your Webelos den on stranger awareness, Internet safety, or safety at home.

Boy Scout and Varsity Scout Requirements

1. Participate in creating an emergency plan for your home and for your troop or team's Scouting activities. Be sure you know the details of both emergency plans.
2. Earn the First Aid or the Emergency Preparedness merit badge.
3. With your troop or team, including its adult leaders, participate in emergency preparedness training conducted by community emergency preparedness agencies.

Venturer Requirements

1. Complete all of the Emergency Preparedness core requirement number 4 (page 17, *Ranger Guidebook).*
2. Do one of the following:
    - Complete the First Aid core requirement (page 16, *Ranger Guidebook* This may be fulfilled either by completing the standard American Red Cross first aid course When Help Is Delayed or by completing the American Red Cross Wilderness First Aid Course.
    - With your crew, including its adult leaders, participate in emergency preparedness training coordinated by community emergency preparedness agencies.

Unit Volunteer Scouter Requirements

This award is available to all registered Scouters who serve a unit, including all leaders and committee members.

Do any three of the following:

- Develop an emergency preparedness program plan and kit for your home and be sure all family members know the plan.
- Participate actively in preparing an emergency plan of action for your Scouting unit meeting place. (This includes all locations where you might have a meeting.)
- Put together a unit emergency kit to be kept at your unit meeting location. (This includes all locations where you might have a meeting.)
- Take a basic first aid/CPR course, or participate as an active volunteer in a community agency responsible for disaster preparedness.

Council/District Volunteer Scouter Requirements

Do any three of the following:

- Develop an emergency preparedness program plan and kit for your home and be sure all family members know the plan.
- Take a basic first aid/CPR course.
- Participate as an active volunteer in a community agency responsible for emergency disaster preparedness.
- Participate actively in developing an emergency preparedness program for a council or district activity. Example: a camporee, Scouting show, fun day, etc.

Resources

- http://www.ready.gov
- Local chapter of the American Red Cross (emergency procedures and training)
- Other local disaster relief agencies
- Local law enforcement agencies (McGruff and other safe kids programs)
- For youth requirements and electives, see the program book for that rank or part of the Scouting program.

Emergency Preparedness BSA Application

Fill out the appropriate section.

Youth Application

Name of applicant _____

Check one: ❑ Tiger Cub ❑ Wolf Cub Scout ❑ Bear Cub Scout ❑ Webelos Scout
❑ Boy Scout ❑ Varsity Scout ❑ Venturer

Unit Number _____ Chartered organization _____

Council name _____

This applicant has satisfactorily completed requirements for the Emergency Preparedness BSA Award.

Unit leader's signature _____ Date _____

Print name _____ Unit leadership position _____

Unit Leader Application

Name of applicant _____

Unit position _____ Unit number _____

Chartered organization _____

Council name _____

This applicant has satisfactorily completed requirements for the Emergency Preparedness BSA Award.

Council/district Scouter's signature _____ Date _____

Print name _____ Scouting title _____

District/Council Volunteer Scouter Application

Name of applicant _____

District or council position _____

Council name _____

This applicant has satisfactorily completed requirements for the Emergency Preparedness BSA Award.

Council Scouter's signature _____ Date _____

Print name _____ Scouting title _____

Recognition and Approval

Youth and adult members completing the requirements receive a distinctive pin.

The leader signing approval for a youth or unit leader application submits the completed, approved application to the BSA local council service center.

District/council volunteer Scouters submit the completed application to the BSA local council service center for approval.

All instruction and participation associated with Emergency Preparedness BSA must be carried out in an environment free from all hazards and dangers. All BSA precautions and safety measures, as explained in the *Guide to Safe Scouting* and in other Scouting literature, apply.

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