



Engineering

Merit Badge Worksheet

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Scouts Name _____

Date _____

Counselor's Name _____

Counselor's Phone # _____

Complete

1. Select a manufactured item in your home (such as a toy or an appliance), and under adult supervision and with the approval of your counselor, investigate how and why it works as it does. Find out what sort of engineering activities were needed to create it. Discuss with your counselor what you learned and how you got the information.

Why does it work as it does? _____

What sort of engineering activities were needed to create it? _____

What have you learned? _____

How did you get the information? _____

Complete

2. Select an engineering achievement that has had a major impact on society. Using resources such as the Internet (with your parent's permission), books, and magazines, find out about the engineers who made this engineering feat possible, the special obstacles they had to overcome, and how this achievement has influenced the world today. Tell your counselor what you learned.

What engineering achievement did you choose? _____

Who was the engineer that made it? _____

What were the special obstacles had to be overcome? _____

How has this influenced the world today? _____

What have you learned? _____

Complete

3. Explain the work of six types of engineers.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Pick two of the six and explain how their work is related.

How was their work related? _____

Complete

4. Visit with an engineer (who may be your counselor or parent) and do the following:

- a. Discuss the work this engineer does and the tools the engineer uses. _____

- b. Discuss with the engineer a current project and the engineer's particular role in it. _____

- c. Find out how the engineer's work is done and how results are achieved. _____

- d. Ask to see the reports that the engineer writes concerning the project. _____

- e. Discuss with your counselor what you learned about engineering from this visit. _____

Complete

5. Do ONE of the following:

- a. Use the systems engineering approach to make step-by-step plans for your next campout. _____

List alternative ideas for such items as program schedule, campsites, transportation, and costs.

program schedule? _____

campsite? _____

transportation? _____

cost? _____

Tell why you made the choices you did and what improvements were made.

- b. Make an original design for a piece of patrol equipment. Use the systems engineering approach to help you decide how it should work and look. Draw plans for it.

Show the plans to your counselor,
Explain why you designed it the way you did. _____

Explain how you would make it. _____

Complete

6. Do TWO of the following:

- a. **Transforming motion.** Using common materials or a construction set, make a simple model that will demonstrate motion. Explain how the model uses basic mechanical concepts like levers and inclined planes to demonstrate motion.

Describe an example where this mechanism is used in a real product. _____

- b. **Using electricity.** Make a list of 10 electrical appliances in your home. Find out approximately how much electricity each uses in one month.

Appliances	How much electricity is used in a month (cost of operation)
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	
7.	
8.	
9.	
10.	

Learn how to find out the amount and cost of electricity used in your home during periods of light and heavy use. What did you find? _____

List five ways to conserve electricity.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

c. **Understanding electronics.** Using an electronic device such as a mobile telephone or portable digital media player, find out how sound travels from one location to another. Tell what you found. _____

Explain how the device was designed for:

ease of use? _____

function? _____

durability? _____

d. **Using materials.** Do experiments to show the differences in strength and heat conductivity in wood, metal, and plastic.

Material	Strength	Heat conductivity
Wood		
Metal		
Plastic		

Discuss with your counselor what you have learned. _____

e. **Converting energy.** Do an experiment to show how mechanical, heat, chemical, solar, and/or electrical energy may be converted from one or more types of energy to another. Explain your results.

	Converting energy results
Mechanical	
Heat	
Chemical	
Solar	
Electrical	

Describe to your counselor what energy is and how energy is converted and used in your surroundings. _____

f. Moving people. Find out the different ways people in your community get to work.

List the ways people get to work in your community

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____

Make a study of traffic flow (number of vehicles and relative speed) in both heavy and light traffic periods.

Traffic Flow Table	Number of Vehicles	Relative Speed
Light Traffic		
Heavy Traffic		

Discuss with your counselor what might be improved to make it easier for people in your community to get where they need to go. _____

g. Building an engineering project. Enter a project in a science or engineering fair or similar competition. (This requirement may be met by participation on an engineering competition project team.) Discuss with your counselor what your project demonstrates, the kinds of questions visitors to the fair asked you about it, and how well were you able to answer their questions. _____

Complete

7. Explain what it means to be a registered Professional Engineer (PE). _____

Name the types of engineering work for which registration is most important?

Complete

8. Study the **Engineer's Code of Ethics**. Explain how it is like the Scout Oath and Scout Law _____

Complete

9. Find out about three career opportunities in engineering.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Pick one and research the education, training, and experience required for this profession.

Education requirements? _____

Training? _____

Experience required? _____

Discuss this with your counselor, and explain why this profession might interest you. _____
