LEATHERWORK

Introduction Your challenge as a summer camp merit badge counselor is to see that the Scouts who attend your session have the best opportunity to learn about leatherwork. It is important that they have a positive experience. This lesson plan is designed to help you plan a logical, high-quality program. You may have to use a slightly different approach in presenting the material based on your camp resources and facilities. Sign off Scouts as they complete requirements.

Resources Be sure to utilize all the resources available to you. There are several organizations that can assist you in demonstrating proper leatherwork techniques. Utilize these resources.

DAY	ACTIVITY		DESCRIPTION
1	Greet Scouts	A.	Examine all merit badge applications for Scoutmaster signature. Make a roster of the Scouts.
	Discuss	B.	Explain where leather comes from and what are five different types of leather. Explain what kinds of hides are used to make leather. Tell about the chief characteristics and best uses of each (requirement 2).
	Discuss/ Demonstrate	C.	Explain the techniques for tanning, curing, and dehairing leather. Demonstrate how to recondition an item made of leather.
	Discuss/ Demonstrate	D.	Discuss and demonstrate the safe use of leatherworking tools. Show how to correctly handle leathercraft materials and substances. Explain first-aid procedures related to leatherwork (requirement 1).
	Note	E.	Inform the Scoutmaster of any Scout who might not complete the badge.
2-5	Discuss/ Demonstrate	A.	Discuss and demonstrate the techniques listed in requirement 3.
	Review	B.	Allow Scouts to work at their own pace to complete requirements.
	Wrap Up	C.	Wrap up all the requirements. Prepare the merit badge applications for the proper signatures. If any Scout does not complete all requirements, make sure that his records properly indicate the requirements that he has completed and that the Scout knows why he did not complete the badge requirements.
		D.	Submit necessary records to the camp program director.