



Dog Scouts of America
Merit Badge Check-Off Sheet

Sledding

Items **bolded** below are requirements that must be demonstrated to the Evaluator. Non-bolded items are training steps that may be introduced in class and are helpful for achieving the requirements. All behaviors must have been taught or re-taught to the dog (preferably using a new cue), using only positive reward-based methods.

- Handler knows and can describe the equipment required for safe participation in this sport**
- Handler knows proper safety for this sport and exercises caution for the safety of him/herself and others, and his/her own dog and other dogs who may be participating**
- Handler knows the rule of 120 and follows it to keep the dog safe**
- Handler can describe how to properly maintain the dog in good condition for the sport**
- Handler can properly put on and take off a sledding harness**
- Dog will stand willingly to be harnessed and will wear it without showing any fear**
- Dog does not show fear of the sled
- Dog will pull a tire or other weight without fear
- Dog will pull the sled or wheeled rig while being called by the handler
- Dog will pull the sled or wheeled rig with the handler onboard**
- Handler knows the necessary sled dog cues, including 'gee', 'haw', 'on-by', 'hike' and 'whoa', and knows how to teach these to the dog**
- Dog will run with other dogs without showing any signs of aggression**
- Dog will pull the sled or wheeled rig without slack in the tug line
- Dog will pull the sled or wheeled rig 3 miles as a part of a team of dogs (at least one other dog)**