



Dog Scouts of America
Merit Badge Check-Off Sheet

Up North Dog

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 must be able to describe some of the inherent dangers (to both human and canine) in participating in this type of obstacle course activity, where the environment is woody, the ground may be unstable, and the obstacles may present challenges to both members of the team**
- Handler must know both required and suggested safety equipment for this activity and the reasons why equipment is used**
- Handler always follows the rules established for this activity and practices safety measures as taught with the intent of minimizing risk to both him/herself and the dog**
- Handler and dog can safely and successfully perform all of the required course obstacles when built to meet the prescribed specifications including:
 - Tree Walk (single or double tree)
 - Cavaletti
 - Pyramid Log Scramble
 - Log Jump
 - Trampoline Marsh (suspended) **OR**
 - Sand Pit w/Cargo Net (go under)
 - Sky Ladder Bridge
 - Log Limbo
 - Lily Pad Leap
 - Land Raft
 - Stump Slalom
 - Parkour Log (at finish)
- Handler and dog can safely complete a water challenge where they must paddle of a distance of at least 100 feet using a stand-up paddle board or sit atop kayak
- Handler and dog can complete a course (total length 800 feet at a minimum) containing all 10 obstacles and the water challenge, performing all obstacles as described in the rules.**