



Chess

Virtual Merit Badge Class Workbook

This workbook can help Scouts to explain certain requirements but they still need participate in the virtual class and read the merit badge book.

Scout's Name: _____ Unit: _____

Counselor's Name: _____ Email: _____

1. Discuss with your merit badge counselor the history of the game of chess.

Explain why it is considered a game of planning and strategy.

2. Discuss with your merit badge counselor the following:

- a. The benefits of playing chess, including developing critical thinking skills, concentration skills, and decision-making skills, and how these skills can help you in other areas of your life

b. Sportsmanship and chess etiquette

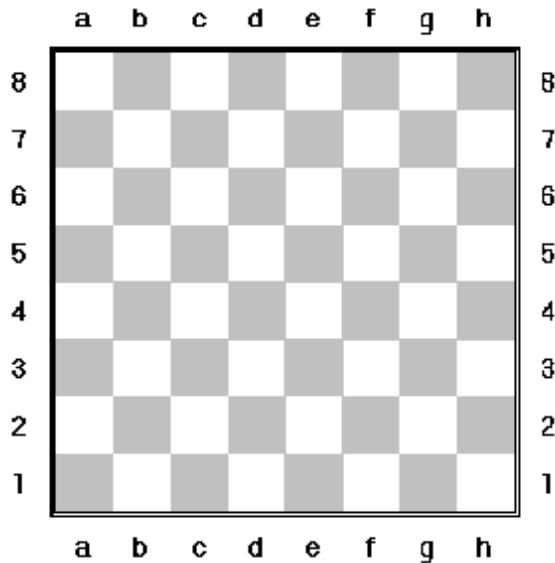
3. Demonstrate to your counselor that you know each of the following.

a. The name of each chess piece

Then, using Scouting's Teaching EDGE*, teach someone (preferably another Scout) who does not know how to play chess:

* You may learn about Scouting's Teaching EDGE from your unit leader, another Scout, or by attending training.

b. How to set up a chessboard



c. How each chess piece moves, including castling and en passant captures.

castling:	
en passant captures	

4. Do the following

a. Demonstrate scorekeeping using the algebraic system of chess notation..

	White	Black
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		
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9.		
10.		

b. Discuss the differences between the opening, the middle game, and the endgame.

opening

middle game

endgame

c. Explain four opening principles.

1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

d. Explain the four rules for castling.

1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	

- e. On a chessboard, demonstrate a "scholar's mate" and a "fool's mate."
- f. Demonstrate on a chessboard four ways a chess game can end in a draw.

5. Do the following.

a. Explain four of the following elements of chess strategy: exploiting weaknesses, force, king safety, pawn structure, space, tempo, time.

1.	

2.		
3.		
4.		

b. Explain any five of these chess tactics: clearance sacrifice, decoy, discovered attack, double attack, fork, interposing, overloading, overprotecting, pin, remove the defender, skewer, zwischenzug.

1.		
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c. Set up a chessboard with the white king on **e1**, the white rooks on **a1** and **h1**, and the black king on **e5**. With White to move first, demonstrate how to force checkmate on the black king.

d. Set up and solve five direct-mate problems provided by your merit badge counselor.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6. Do ONE of the following:

a. Play at least three games of chess with other Scouts and/or your merit badge counselor. Replay the games from your score sheets and discuss with your counselor how you might have played each game differently.

b. Play in a scholastic (youth) chess tournament and use your score sheets from that tournament to replay your games with your merit badge counselor. Discuss with your counselor how you might have played each game differently.

c. Organize and run a chess tournament with at least four players, plus you. Have each competitor play at least two games.

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All participants will be held to a high standard. To earn this merit badge participation is required. Completing this workbook alone does not guarantee getting the merit badge. Scouts will have 10 days from the first scheduled day of class to submit all work towards requirements for this merit badge to Camp CIEC Staff. After reviewing all of the Scouts work we will mail out blue cards informing Scouts of all the completed requirements. If the Scout completes all the requirements to the satisfaction of the merit badge counselor the blue card will also include the merit badge counselors signature. While Camp CIEC Virtual Camp is on-going we will not be able to go back and review or sign off work from previous sessions. Scouts are expected to speak with their Scoutmaster who will assist them in finding a merit badge counselor to complete an unfinished merit badge.

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