

Geocaching Badge Requirement Tracker

Scout Name: _____ Troop #: _____

Use this sheet to track your progress as you work toward your Geocaching Merit Badge or Patch. Check off each requirement as you complete it!

Phase 1: Knowledge & Safety

- ☐ **The Lingo:** Explain the following terms: *Muggle, SWAG, Logbook, Cache, and Geocoin*.
- ☐ **GPS Basics:** Explain how a GPS works. How many satellites are needed to find a location?
- ☐ **Safety Rules:** Recite the "Golden Rules" of trail safety (The Buddy System, hydration, and trail awareness).
- ☐ **Leave No Trace:** Explain how a geocacher can protect the environment while hunting (CITO).

Phase 2: The Hunt

- ☐ **Navigation:** Successfully use a GPS or Smartphone app to navigate to a set of coordinates.
- ☐ **Find #1:** Find a "Traditional" cache. Sign the log and trade SWAG.
- ☐ **Find #2:** Find a "Multi-Cache" or a cache with a difficulty rating of 2 or higher.
- ☐ **Etiquette:** Demonstrate how to re-hide a cache so it is perfectly hidden from Muggles.

Phase 3: The Creative Explorer

- ☐ **Log Your Find:** Write a "Thank You" note in a physical logbook and log your find online or in the app.
- ☐ **Trackables:** Explain what a "Travel Bug" or "Trackable" is. What is its mission?
- ☐ **Cache Design:** Design your own geocache container. What items would you put inside as starting SWAG?

LEADER VERIFICATION

I certify that _____ has successfully demonstrated the skills and knowledge required for the Geocaching Badge requirements listed above.

Leader Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____