Hiking Trail Badge Requirements (Fitness Badge)

1: Review the Hiker’s Code.

2: Research the proper food for extended hiking outings. Research the amount of food and water necessary for extended hiking outings.

3: Review other items needed in your pack for an all day hike.

4: Research exercises, stretches and aerobic activities designed specifically for hiking conditioning.

5: Prepare a hiking fitness and training plan of at least three months to prepare you for increasing hike lengths based on your research and review it with your leader. Include a training schedule and plans for warm-up, stretching, hiking or other conditioning and a cool down.

6: Complete a progressive hiking program consisting of at least 10 hikes beginning at 5 miles for the first hike and increasing to at least a 20 mile hike. Prepare a hiking plan for each hike using the Hikers Code including a trail map or route. Provide it to your leader before each trip. Hikes must be completed in one day and all 10 hikes must be completed in one year. make sure you take into account temperatures, humidity, and other factors that could prove dangerous for hiking.