



# Landscape Architecture

## Merit Badge Workbook

This workbook can help you but you still need to read the merit badge pamphlet (book). No one can add or subtract from the Boy Scout Requirements #33215. Merit Badge Workbooks and much more are below: [Online Resources](#).

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Scout's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Counselor's Ph #: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Explain the differences between a landscape architect and

a horticulturist, \_\_\_\_\_

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a landscape contractor, \_\_\_\_\_

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an architect, \_\_\_\_\_

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an urban planner, \_\_\_\_\_

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and a civil engineer. \_\_\_\_\_

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Give an example of the work each might do that is unique to that vocation.

Horticulturist, \_\_\_\_\_

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Landscape contractor, \_\_\_\_\_

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Architect, \_\_\_\_\_

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Urban planner, \_\_\_\_\_

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Civil engineer. \_\_\_\_\_

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How might people in these positions work with a landscape architect?

Horticulturist, \_\_\_\_\_

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Landscape contractor, \_\_\_\_\_

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Architect, \_\_\_\_\_

Urban planner, \_\_\_\_\_

Civil engineer. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Do ONE of the following:

a. Visit a landscape architect's office or invite a landscape architect to your troop meeting to tell about his or her work. Find out about and discuss the following with your merit badge counselor:

1. What a landscape architect's daily work is like. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. The education one must have to be a professional landscape architect. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. The methods used in developing a design. \_\_\_\_\_

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4. The drawing tools and computer equipment used in design. \_\_\_\_\_

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b. Log on to the American Society of Landscape Architects' Web site at <http://www.ASLA.org> and find out more about the landscape architecture profession and schools that educate landscape architects. Using documents printed from this Web site, report to your counselor what you have learned. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Go to a completed landscape project that a landscape architect has designed. \_\_\_\_\_

Before you visit the site, obtain a plan of the design from the landscape architect if one is available. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Make a report in the form of a short talk to your Scout troop on what you found in requirement 3. Discuss the following:

a. Tell whether the design had separate spaces, a clear path system, and sun and shade variety. \_\_\_\_\_

b. Tell about the places to sit, eat, or park a car. \_\_\_\_\_

c. Tell whether you were always comfortable and protected. \_\_\_\_\_

d. Tell about some of the trees, shrubs, and ground covers used in the design. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Identify five shrubs, \_\_\_\_\_

five trees, \_\_\_\_\_

and one ground cover, \_\_\_\_\_

being sure that you select examples of different shapes, sizes, and textures. With the help of your counselor or a local nursery, choose plants that will grow in your area.

Bring pictures of the different planting materials or, if possible, examples of their branches, leaves, or flowers to a troop meeting. Be prepared to tell how you might use each in the design of a landscape. \_\_\_\_\_

6. Look at and study a place of worship or school grounds to find the place where most people arrive by bus or car. \_\_\_\_\_

Show you can do the following:

a. Using a measuring tape, measure and draw the entry and its nearby area using a scale of 1/8 inch equal to 1 foot on an 11-by-17-inch piece of paper. Be sure to include the driveway and the wall and door where people enter the school or place of worship.

Indicate any sidewalks, structures, trees, and plants within the study area. Make a copy of this plan to save the original. Do the next two items on copies.

b. On one copy, use directional arrows to indicate where the water drains across the site, where ditches occur, and where water stands for a longer period of time.

c. Decide how you can make the place safer and more comfortable for those using it. \_\_\_\_\_

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Redesign the area on another copy of the plan. You may want to include new walks, covered waiting areas, benches, space-defining plantings of trees and shrubs, and drainage structures.

**Online Resources** *(Use any Internet resource with caution and only with your parent's or guardian's permission.)*

**Merit Badge Workbooks:** [usscouts.org](http://usscouts.org) -or- [meritbadge.org](http://meritbadge.org)      ► **Merit Badge Books:** [www.scoutstuff.org](http://www.scoutstuff.org)

Boy Scouts of America: <http://www.scouting.org/>   ► [Requirements](#)   ► [Intro to Merit Badges](#)   ► [Guide to Safe Scouting](#)

Garden Design: <http://www.gardendesignmag.com>

Landscape Architecture: <http://www.asla.org/nonmembers/lam.cfm>

American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA): <http://www.asla.org>

Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture (CELA): <http://www.ssc.msu.edu/~la/cela/>

Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB): <http://www.clarb.org>

Landscape Architecture Foundation (LAF): [http://www.asla.org/nonmembers/laf\\_section.cfm](http://www.asla.org/nonmembers/laf_section.cfm)