# UP AND AWAY SCOUTS BSA NOVA AWARD

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| 1.Choose A or B orC and complete ALL of the requirements. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1A.Watch not less than three hours total of shows or documentaries that discuss fluid dynamics or a show related to fluid dynamics. Then do the following: | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1A-1. Make a list of at least five questions or ideas from the show(s) you watched. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1A-2. Discuss two of the questions with or ideas with your counselor. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1B.Read not less than three hours total about a topic related to fluid dynamics. Then do the following: | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1B-1. Make a list of at least five questions or ideas from the article(s) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1B-2. Discuss two of the questions with or ideas with your counselor. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1C.Do a combination of reading and watching (not less than three hours total). Then do the following: | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1C-1. Make a list of at least five questions or ideas from each article or show. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1C-2. Discuss two of the questions with or ideas with your counselor. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2.Complete ONE merit badge from the following list. (Choose one that you have not already used toward another Nova Award). After completion, discuss with your counselor how it relates to fluid dynamics. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aviation | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kayaking | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rowing | | | | | | | | | | |
| Canoeing | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oceanography | | | | | | | | | | |
| Scuba Diving | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chemistry | | | | | | | | | | |
| Plumbing | | | | | | | | | | |
| Swimming | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3.Complete two activities from A or B or C or D. Complete all of the items under each activity. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3A.Conduct a Terminal Velocity Investigation. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3A-1.With your counselor, fill an empty tennis ball tube, or other clear plastic tube at least12” tall, with clear corn syrup. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3A-2.Drop two round objects with the same diameter but different masses into the syrup(example: a steel ball and a glass marble). | | | | | | | | | | |

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| 3A-3.Note when the two balls reach terminal velocity (it should happen quickly). Did both objects have the same terminal velocity?Try the experiment again to see if it's repeatable. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3A-4.Discuss your investigation and findings with your counselor. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3B.Calculate your terminal velocity on different planets. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3B-1.Download the worksheet at https://www.iflyworld.com/plan-an-event/education/high-school/ or use a similar worksheet such as the “Student Terminal VelocityWorksheet” at https://www.grc.nasa.gov/www/k-12/airplane/termv.html. Calculate the terminal velocity of a 100-pound backpack on the planet earth. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3B-2.Calculate your terminal velocity on Mars (hint: you will need to look up the values of gravity and atmospheric density on Mars). Compare the two values. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3B-3.Discuss the differences with your counselor. How would the conditions on Mars Affect the engineering design of a Martian landing craft? | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3C.Deliver rescue supplies to a community whose roads and bridges have been compromised by a natural disaster. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3C-1.Use lightweight recycled materials or snap-together building blocks to construct a platform (or some shape with weight and mass) to carry the supplies. Once you build the “platform,” add “supplies” that represent food, water, medicine, etc. and a way to attach a parachute to deliver it to the community from a plane flying overhead. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3C-2.Use common household materials, such as trash bags, plastic tablecloth, string,paperclips, rubber bands, etc. to design a parachute that will safely deliver your“supplies”to the “community square” (when dropped from the top of a tall structure,such as a playground playscape).The platform must land upright and intact so the supplies are not damaged. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3C-3.Design your parachute first on paper, then create a prototype and test it. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3C-4.Record how long it took to land and the condition of the delivered supplies. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3C-5.What could you do to slow the descent even further? Modify your design and test it out again. Record the results then modify and test again. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3C-6.Conduct a final test(at least three tests total) and record your best (slowest) time. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3C-7.Show your parachute to your counselor and explain how you designed and modified it. Talk about how the actual conditions of a rescue mission (flooding, few flat surfaces, downed trees, live wires, high winds, single chance to deliver) would affect a real-world drop of rescue supplies. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3D. Test out different airfoils | | | | | | | | | | |

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| 3D-1.Construct simple airfoil shapes using sheets of plain paper secured with tape. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3D-2.Make a “testing apparatus” that allows the airfoil to move freely in the vertical direction using drinking straws and skewers. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3D-3.Using a fan or hair dryer, direct a flow of fast-moving air across the airfoil and observe how high it lifts off from the testing apparatus. Use a ruler marked with centimeters to measure results. Repeat changing the test parameters, e.g., how fast the airflows, the direction of the air flow, etc. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3D-4.Research the Bernoulli Effect and have a discussion about how this phenomenon applies to your observations of the airfoils. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3D-5.Discuss the results with your counselor. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4.Complete one of the following A or B or C. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4A.Visit an iFLY Indoor Skydiving wind tunnel facility or other BSA approved indoor skydiving wind tunnel and participate in a STEM Education program. Discuss the STEM concepts related to the tunnel with your counselor. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4B.Visit an observatory, research facility, or a museum that highlights flight, aviation, or space. During your visit, talk to a docent or staff member about flight and fluid dynamics concepts covered at the site. Discuss what you learned with your counselor. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4C.Take a real or online tour of a wind tunnel facility. A real tour may be obtained by contacting a local university that offers a degree in aerospace engineering or similar field. Virtual tours could include, but are not limited to, NASA wind tunnel facility tours: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bpRc9l8LMXoand https://www.nasa.gov/image-feature/hypersonic-tunnel-facility. Discuss with your counselor the science and engineering concepts associated with the facility, e.g., what are the parts of a wind tunnel, what a wind tunnel is used for, what are the advantages of testing with a wind tunnel, how precise are they, etc. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5.Discuss with your counselor how fluid dynamics is present in your everyday life and what you learned by working on this Nova | | | | | | | | | | |
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