



Pathfinder's Name

Bubbles

Instructor Required

1. Define the following terms:

a. Soap bubble

b. Hydrophilic

c. Hydrophobic

d. Surface tension

e. Minimum energy

f. Minimum surface

2. How do the following weather factors affect the life of a bubble and how?

a. Humidity

b. Temperature

c. Wind

d. Precipitation

- 3. Make a model or drawing of a soap molecule. Show why the molecule is either hydrophilic or hydrophobic.**

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- 4. List safety rules about bubble blowing**

- 5. Surface Tension**

a. Explain what causes surface tension.

b. Conduct an experiment to determine if soapy water has higher or lower surface tension.

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- 6. Wands:**

a. Explain what types of material work best for the loop of large bubble wands.

b. Construct a wand to make large bubbles.

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7. Components:

- a.** What water quality works best for bubbles? What impurities negatively affect bubble quality?

- b.** What soaps are best for bubble solution?

- c.** What is the purpose of glycerin or corn syrup in a solution?

- d.** Learn a formula for a bubble solution and mix a batch of bubble solution.

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- e.** Evaluate your bubble solution and make a better recipe if necessary

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8. Experiments:

- a.** Show what happens when bubbles meet bubbles? How does this illustrate minimal energy and minimal surface?

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- b.** What causes colors in a bubble? Demonstrate constructive and destructive interference.

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- c.** What shape are bubbles and why? Do an experiment to illustrate the answer.

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