



# CAMPING

## Merit Badge Requirements

- 1) Show that you know first aid for and how to prevent injuries or illnesses that could occur while camping, including hypothermia, frostbite, heat reactions, dehydration, altitude sickness, insect stings, tick bites, snakebite, blisters, and hyperventilation.
- 2) Learn the Leave No Trace principles and the Outdoor Code and explain what they mean. Write a personal plan for implementing these principles on your next outing.
- 3) Make a written plan for an overnight trek and show how to get to your camping spot using a topographical map and compass and a GPS receiver. If no GPS receiver unit is available, explain how to use one to get to your camping spot.
- 4) Do the following:
  - A) Make a duty roster showing how your patrol is organized for an actual overnight campout. List assignments for each member.
  - B) Help a Scout patrol or a Webelos Scout unit in your area prepare for an actual campout, including creating the duty roster, menu planning, equipment needs, general planning, and setting up camp.
- 5) Do the following:
  - A) Prepare a list of clothing you would need for an overnight campouts in both warm and cold weather. Explain the term "layering".
  - B) Discuss footwear for different kinds of weather and how the right footwear is important for protecting your feet.
  - C) Explain the proper care and storage of camping equipment (clothing, footwear, bedding).
  - D) List the outdoor essentials necessary for any campout, and explain why each item is needed.
  - E) Present yourself to your Scoutmaster with your pack for inspection. Be correctly clothed and equipped for an overnight campout.
- 6) Do the following:
  - A) Describe the features of four types of tents, when and where they could be used, and how to care for tents. Working with another Scout, pitch a tent.
  - B) Discuss the importance of camp sanitation and tell why water treatment is essential. Then demonstrate two ways to treat water.
  - C) Describe the factors to be considered in deciding where to pitch your tent.
  - D) Tell the difference between internal- and external-frame packs. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of each.
  - E) Discuss the types of sleeping bags and what kind would be suitable for different conditions. Explain the proper care of your sleeping bag and how to keep it dry. Make a comfortable ground bed.
- 7) Prepare for an overnight campout with your patrol by doing the following:
  - A) Make a checklist of personal and patrol gear that will be needed
  - B) Pack your own gear and your share of the patrol equipment and food for proper carrying. Show that your pack is right for quickly getting what is needed first, and that it has been assembled properly for comfort, weight, balance, size and neatness.
- 8) Do the following:
  - A) Explain the safety procedures for:
    - 1) Using a propane or butane / propane stove
    - 2) Using a liquid fuel stove
    - 3) Proper storage of extra fuel
  - B) Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of different types of lightweight cooking stoves

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