

SURVIVAL SKILLS BADGE



How to earn your badge...

1. Show that you know:
 - a) basic knife or multi-tool skills, including safety and sharpening and maintenance
 - b) first aid treatment you may need to use while on a survival event, considering you may have limited resources available
 - c) how to construct different kinds of shelter
 - d) how to build a fire and use basic lighting techniques. You should not use man-made materials such as paper or firelighters
 - e) the various burning qualities of different woods
 - f) how to maintain hygiene in a survival situation
 - g) the correct use of international distress signals, using a whistle, torch, mirror or markers
 - h) some basic actions to take while waiting rescue that will both keep you (and your group) safe and will assist your rescuers in locating you
2. Put together a personal survival kit
3. With a group of at least three Scouts, take part in a survival exercise. It should last about 24 hours and the group should:
 - construct a shelter of natural or salvaged materials and sleep in it
 - prepare a meal using raw ingredients that could have been found or caught
 - cook all meals over an open fire
 - cook without utensils, although you may use a knife