



Backwoods Stage 1 Assessment

I know what kinds of clothes to wear when going out into nature.

Scouts should indicate in list form the items of clothing they need to bring with them for a backwoods adventure: Clothes for mucking about in; Clothes for wet weather; Clothes that are warm – winter / night; Clothes that cover arms and protect from cuts and scratches and sunburn; Headwear.

I know how to prepare food for cooking.

The Scout will explain how to prepare food for cooking without the aid of cooking utensils or preparation table: How to clean food; How to prepare food properly; How to place food on a cooking implement / device.

I know what a basic survival kit should contain.

The Scout should produce a survival kit for examination. It should include at least ten useful items. Each item must have a practical use, some may have more than one use. Each item is of real value and will assist in a survival situation.

I know how to behave safely around fires.

The Scout should be aware of the possible dangers and how to prevent them: Do not play around a fire; Do not poke a fire; Keep a safe distance from the fire; Obey the instruction of the fire tender.

I know how to use hand tools safely.

The Scout should discuss and then demonstrate how tools are used safely. Know the types of tools likely to be used on a backwoods adventure. Be able to use a tool correctly to do the job it was designed for. Display your skill in using a particular tool. Know how to store the tools away for use at another time.

I can build a simple shelter.

Scouts should indicate they wish to complete this requirement so that they can be observed in action. A shelter should be built using plastic sheeting, rope and tent pegs. Trees can be used to support the shelter.

I have participated in at least two backwoods activities.

Scouts should have attended at least two backwoods activities.

NOTE: These activities can range from simple afternoon sessions to day long activities. At this level it is not necessary for a Scout to have camped out overnight in a shelter or 'survival or backwoods adventure', what is required is a practical understanding of the principles and expertise associated with backwoods practice and knowledge.