



Backwoods Stage 2 Assessment

I know how to cook some food using tin foil instead of pots and pans

The Scout should demonstrate at least two methods of using foil for cooking
Preparing a foil meal containing all food stuffs to be cooked
Fry an egg on a pan made of tin foil and a forked stick and baking a potato.

I know the important things to remember when building a simple shelter using plastic sheeting

The Scout should know how to build a shelter from a plastic sheet and show how to attach guy lines.
A shelter big enough to accommodate a small Group.
A shelter that uses natural fixtures such as trees
A shelter that will protect users from the elements
A shelter that is 'tight' to allow water to run off its roof

I know how to treat simple cuts and scratches in a hygienic way

Scouts need to talk themselves through the process of treatment. This demonstration/talk can be done in a practical way on a volunteer.
How to clean the wound
How to reassure the casualty
How to apply a bandage

I know how to set up a fire place and assist in fire lighting

The Scout should be able to set up a simple ground fire, clearing the ground, setting stone boundaries and gather tinder and sticks for the fire.
Prepare the ground by clearing an area near a river bed or an area clear of grass
Know where to place a fire
Collect a variety of wood
Observe a fire lighter in action

I can prepare and cook food properly in backwoods conditions

Scouts should indicate they wish to complete this requirement so that they can be observed in action
Cook a backwoods meal using foil
Cook an egg in an orange
Cook a sausage on a stick



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I know about food storage and hygiene

The Scout will be able to explain how food storage and hygiene are of particular importance on a backwoods adventure.

That food is prepared without gadgets/utensils

That food is more likely to be exposed to flies and insects

That food needs to be cooked properly by boiling or heat from a fire

That it is necessary to clean hands, knives and utensils constantly to prevent infection

I can use hand tools correctly

Scouts should indicate they wish to complete this requirement so that they can be observed in action

Cut a piece of wood in half using a saw

Cut a piece of string using a knife

Dig a hole with a spade

I have attended at least an additional two backwoods activities

Scouts should have attended at least two further backwoods activities – to those undertaken in Stage 1. These activities can range from simple afternoon sessions to day long activities. At this stage 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.