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Wilderness Survival Merit Badge

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<https://scoutmasterbucky.com/merit-badges/wilderness-sruvival/wilderness-survival-cpp.pdf>

WILDERNESS SURVIVAL MERIT BADGE WORKBOOK

REQUIREMENT 1a: Explain to your counselor the hazards you are most likely to encounter while participating in wilderness survival activities, and what you should do to anticipate, help prevent, mitigate, or lessen these hazards.

HAZARD #1

Description:

Anticipate:

Help Prevent:

Mitigate:

Respond:



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HAZARD #2

Description:

Anticipate:

Help Prevent:

Mitigate:

Respond:



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HAZARD #3

Description:

Anticipate:

Help Prevent:

Mitigate:

Respond:



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HAZARD #4

Description:

Anticipate:

Help Prevent:

Mitigate:

Respond:



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HAZARD #5

Description:

Anticipate:

Help Prevent:

Mitigate:

Respond:



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REQUIREMENT 1b:

Show that you know first aid for and how to prevent injuries or illnesses that could occur in backcountry settings, including hypothermia, heat reactions, frostbite, dehydration, blisters, insect stings, tick bites, and snakebites.

Hypothermia:

Heat Reactions:

Frostbite:

Dehydration:



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Blisters:

Insect Stings:

Tick Bites:

Snakebites:



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REQUIREMENT 2:

From memory, list the seven priorities for survival in a backcountry or wilderness location. Explain the importance of each one with your counselor.

PRIORITY #1:



Name:

Importance:

PRIORITY #2:



Name:

Importance:

PRIORITY #3:



Name:

Importance:

PRIORITY #4:



Name:

Importance:



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PRIORITY #5:



Name:

Importance:

PRIORITY #6:



Name:

Importance:

PRIORITY #7:



Name:

Importance:

Notes:



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REQUIREMENT 3: Discuss ways to avoid panic and maintain a high level of morale when lost.

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REQUIREMENT 3: Explain why it is important to avoid panic and maintain a high level of morale when lost.

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REQUIREMENT 4a: Describe the steps you would take to survive in cold and snowy conditions.

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REQUIREMENT 4b: Describe the steps you would take to survive in wet conditions.

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REQUIREMENT 4c: Describe the steps you would take to survive in hot and dry conditions.

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REQUIREMENT 4d: Describe the steps you would take to survive in windy conditions.

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REQUIREMENT 6: Using three different methods (other than matches), build and light three fires.

You will need to perform this task with your merit badge counselor or bring proof to support having done this.

This requirement must be reviewed with your merit badge counselor.

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Notes:

REQUIREMENT 7a: Show five different ways to attract attention when lost.

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REQUIREMENT 7b: Demonstrate how to use a signal mirror.

You will need to perform this task with your merit badge counselor or bring proof to support having done this.

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REQUIREMENT 7c: Describe from memory five ground-to-air signals and tell what they mean.

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REQUIREMENT 8:

Improvise a natural shelter. For the purpose of this demonstration, use techniques that have little negative impact on the environment. Spend a night in your shelter.

You will need to perform this task with your merit badge counselor or bring proof to support having done this.

This requirement must be reviewed with your merit badge counselor.

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REQUIREMENT 9:

Explain how to protect yourself from insects, reptiles, bears, and other animals of the local region.

Insects:

Reptiles:

Bears:

Other Local Animals:



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REQUIREMENT 10: Demonstrate three ways to treat water found in the outdoors to prepare it for drinking.

You will need to perform this task with your merit badge counselor or bring proof to support having done this.

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REQUIREMENT 11:

Show that you know the proper clothing to wear while in the outdoors during extremely hot and cold weather and during wet conditions.

You will need to perform this task with your merit badge counselor or bring proof to support having done this.

This requirement must be reviewed with your merit badge counselor.

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REQUIREMENT 12:

Explain why it usually is not wise to eat edible wild plants or wildlife in a wilderness survival situation.

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