**Totin/ Chip Training**

Knifes –

* Why do we use them?
* NEVER Take a knife to school
* What types of knife? Tools, not weapons -- never a toy
* Folding pocket knives only
* Handling a knife
  + Store with blade closed
  + “Thank you” when handing it off
  + Opening and closing the blades (keep your fingers out of the way!)
  + Blade locks
* Cutting with a knife
  + Blood circle/ safety circle
  + Cut away from yourself
  + Safety in what you do when you cut..
* Sharpening the knife – a sharp knife is safer
  + Sharpening tools
  + Sharpening methods – angle of sharpening, repeat with coarse and fine
* Clean the blade before putting it away

Axe/ Hatchet

* What do we use them for?
* Cover the blade when not in use – cover or put into wood
* Axe Yard – always have cleared axe yard
  + No one comes in without specific permission – always ask before entering
* Safety Goggles!!!
* Handling the axe
  + Handing it off
  + Walking with axe
* Swinging the blade – always check in front and in back
  + Always have cleared axe yard
  + Don’t overswing
  + Don’t do it with wet hands
* Chopping wood – don’t let it bounce
* Safety first! And second!
* Sharpening the blade – a sharp axe is safer and easier to use than a dull one
  + Use a file – angle of sharpening
* Putting it away/ making it safe

Bow Saw

* What do we use it for? Cutting logs or wood
* Bow saw safety
  + Guard the blade when not in use
  + Carrying the saw
  + Handing it off
* Using the saw
  + Secure the wood if you can
  + Slow to set the blade
  + Watch the cut through
* Safety first!! And second!!
* Putting it away/ making it safe

Totin’ Chip

* Totin’ Chip needs to be carried with Scouts when they are using knife or axe or saw
* Mess up, and you lose a corner of the card – lose a corner of the card
* Mess up again, and you will give the troop a safety talk -- lose a corner of the card
* Lose the corners of the card, and you lose the card, and have to redo the training
* Read the rules on the back to the Troop
* Tools not toys!! Use them to do a job
* Safety and Leave No Trace