

WILDERNESS SURVIVAL



Introduction

Your challenge as a summer camp merit badge counselor is to see that the Scouts who attend your session have the best opportunity to learn about wilderness survival. It is important that they have a positive experience. This lesson plan is designed to help you plan a logical, high-quality program. You may have to use a slightly different approach in presenting the material based on your camp resources and facilities. Sign off Scouts as they complete their requirements.

Resources

Be sure to utilize all the resources available to you. State and federal agencies or other organizations, such as the military or forest service, can provide you with a variety of materials and support to help you deliver the Wilderness Survival merit badge program.

DAY	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
1	Greet Scouts	A. Examine all merit badge cards for the Scoutmaster's signature. Make a roster of the Scouts.
	Discuss	B. Review requirement 1. Remind them that there will be an overnight experience on day 4.
	Demonstrate	C. Demonstrate requirements 11 and 12 and have Scouts work on these requirements.
	Discuss	D. If time permits, discuss requirement 5 and have Scouts begin working on their personal survival kit.
<p>Note: If you do not plan to provide the necessary materials for requirement 5, then troops need to be notified before coming to camp so that the Scouts may bring the necessary materials.</p>		
2	Discuss	A. Discuss requirement 3 and sign off for requirements that are completed.
	Demonstrate	B. Demonstrate items in requirements 7a-c and have Scouts practice them.
	Discuss Demonstrate	C. Based on your facilities, demonstrate as many parts of requirements 4a-4e as possible (ways to survive).
	Role Play	D. Have a we-are-lost "problem" and ask Scouts to discuss how they would survive. Sign off on requirements 3, 7, and 4 if completed during this discussion.
	Review	E. Review plans for the overnight on day 4.
3	Discuss Demonstrate	A. Discuss and demonstrate the information in requirement 1 and have Scouts pair off, allowing each Scout to complete this requirement.

Discuss B. Discuss the information for requirement 10.

Review C. Review plans for the overnight for tomorrow night.

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- Demonstrate A. Demonstrate how to build a shelter (requirement 8). Explain that Scouts will have to construct a shelter this evening and spend the night in the shelter they build (requirement 9).
 - Demonstrate B. Demonstrate how to build fires as mentioned in requirement 6 and have Scouts complete this requirement.
 - Overnight C. Go on the overnight.
 - Reminder D. Remind the Scouts that tomorrow is the last day to complete any requirements.
 - Note E. Inform the Scoutmaster of any Scout who might not complete the badge.
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- Wrap up A. Wrap up all the requirements. Prepare the merit badge cards for the proper signatures. If any Scout does not complete all the requirements, make sure that his records properly indicate the requirements that he has completed and that the Scout knows why he did not complete the badge requirements.
 - B. Submit necessary records to the camp program director.