

# Troop 236

## Camping Merit Badge

1. Show that you know first aid for injuries or illnesses that could occur while camping, including hypothermia, heatstroke, heat exhaustion, frostbite, dehydration, sunburn, insect stings, tick bites, snake bite, blisters.
  
2. Learn the Leave No Trace principles and the Outdoor Code and explain what they mean. Write a personal plan for implementing these principles on your next outing.
  
3. Make a written plan for an overnight trek and explain how to get to your camping spot using a topographical map and compass.
  
4. Make a chart showing how a typical patrol is organized for an overnight campout. List assignments for each member.
  
5. Do the following:
  - (a) Prepare a list of clothing you would need for overnight campouts in warm weather and in cold weather.
  
  - (b) Discuss footwear for different kinds of weather and how the right footwear is important for protecting your feet.

(c) Explain the proper care and storage of camping equipment (clothing), footwear, bedding,)

(d) Explain the term “layering.”

(e) Present yourself with your pack for inspection. Be correctly clothed and equipped for an overnight campout.

6. Do the following:

(a) Describe the features of four types of tents and how to care for tents. Working with another Scout, pitch a tent.

(b) Discuss the reasons and methods for water purification.

Discuss camp sanitation.

(c) Tell the difference between “internal” and “external” frame packs.

Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of each..

- (d) Discuss the types of sleeping bags and what kind would be suitable for different conditions.

Make a comfortable ground bed.

- 7. Prepare for an overnight campout with your patrol by doing the following:
  - (a) Make a checklist of personal gear

and, patrol gear that will be needed.

- (b) Prepare a camp menu that is right for backpacking.  
Give recipes and make a food list for your patrol. Plan two breakfasts, three lunches, and two suppers.

Discuss how to protect your food against bad weather, animals, and contamination.

- (c) Pack your own gear and your share of the patrol gear and food for proper carrying. Protect it against bad weather. Show that your pack is right for getting what's needed first, and that it has been assembled properly for comfort, weight, balance, size, and neatness.

8. Do the following:

- (a) explain the safety procedures when using a:
  - (1) Propane or butane/propane stove

- (2) Liquid fuel stove.

- (b) Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of different types of lightweight cooking stoves.

- (c) Cook for your patrol a trail meal requiring the use of a light-weight cooking stove.

9. Show experience in camping by doing the following:

- (a) Camp out a total of at least 20 days and 20 nights. Sleep under the sky or under a tent you have pitched. (You may use a week of summer camp as part of the 20 days and 20 nights.)

- (b) On any of these camping experiences, you must do TWO of the following, only with proper preparation and under qualified supervision:

- (1) Hike up a mountain, gaining at least 2,000 vertical feet.

- (2) Backpack for at least 4 miles.

- (3) Take a bike trip of at least 15 miles or at least 4 hours.

- (4) Plan and carry out a float trip of at least four hours.

- (5) Rappel down a rappel route of 30 feet or more.

- (6) On one of your campouts, perform a conservation project approved in advance by the private landowner or public land management agency.

10. Discuss how the things you did to earn this badge have taught you personal health and safety, survival, public health, conservation, and good citizenship.