



## Backwoods Stage 1 Assessment



Scout: \_\_\_\_\_

Section: \_\_\_\_\_

Assessor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**I know what kinds of clothes to wear when going out into nature.**

Scouts should indicate in list form the items of clothing they need to bring with them for a backwoods adventure: Clothes for mucking about in; Clothes for wet weather; Clothes that are warm – winter / night; Clothes that cover arms and protect from cuts and scratches and sunburn; Headwear.

**I know how to prepare food for cooking.**

The Scout will explain how to prepare food for cooking without the aid of cooking utensils or preparation table: How to clean food; How to prepare food properly; How to place food on a cooking implement / device.

**I know what a basic survival kit should contain.**

The Scout should produce a survival kit for examination. It should include at least ten useful items. Each item must have a practical use, some may have more than one use. Each item is of real value and will assist in a survival situation.

**I know how to behave safely around fires.**

The Scout should be aware of the possible dangers and how to prevent them: Do not play around a fire; Do not poke a fire; Keep a safe distance from the fire; Obey the instruction of the fire tender.

**I know how to use hand tools safely.**

The Scout should discuss and then demonstrate how tools are used safely. Know the types of tools likely to be used on a backwoods adventure. Be able to use a tool correctly to do the job it was designed for. Display your skill in using a particular tool. Know how to store the tools away for use at another time.

**I can build a simple shelter.**

Scouts should indicate they wish to complete this requirement so that they can be observed in action. A shelter should be built using plastic sheeting, rope and tent pegs. Trees can be used to support the shelter.

**I have participated in at least two backwoods activities.**

Scouts should have attended at least two backwoods activities.

NOTE: These activities can range from simple afternoon sessions to day long activities. At this level 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.