



# Wilderness Survival Merit Badge at Pouch Scout Camp

TROOP 37  
S.I. NY 

November 18-19-20, 2022. Firm deadline for signup: November 4, 2022

**Fee: \$30 per attendee, includes all fee's, meals, and snacks**

In outdoor activities, Scouts learn to bring the clothing and gear they need, to make good plans, and do their best to manage any risks. But now and then, something unexpected happens. When things go wrong, the skills of wilderness survival can help make everything right again!

Prepare for a hands-on outdoor experience as the Wilderness Survival merit badge requires a Scout to "Improvise a natural shelter and spend a night in their shelter."

See the next page for a list of event notes and requirements, **limited to the first 25 Scouts.**

**Participant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: Yes No Allergic to: \_\_\_\_\_

Daily Meds: Yes No Details: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that participation in Scouting activities involves a certain degree of risk and can be physically, mentally, and emotionally demanding. I have carefully considered the risk involved and have given consent for myself and/or my child to participate in this activity. I also understand that participation in this activity is entirely voluntary and requires participants to abide by applicable rules and standards of conduct. I release the Boy Scouts of America, the local council, the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with the activity from any and all claims or liability arising out of this participation.

In case of emergency involving my child, I understand every effort will be made to contact me. In the event I cannot be reached, I hereby give my permission to the medical provider selected by the adult leader in charge to secure proper treatment, including hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, or injections of medication for my child. Medical providers are authorized to disclose to the adult in charge examination findings, test results, and treatment provided for purposes of medical evaluation of the participant, follow-up and communication with the participant's parents or guardian, and/or determination of the participant's ability to continue in the program activities.

Parent/Legal Guardian (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number:(\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_



## Event notes:

- Please arrive SHARPLY by 5:00 PM on Friday at the Pouch Camp Scout Shop parking lot. We should be all done ready for pickup by 10:00 AM on Sunday. Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner, and Sunday breakfast will be served.
- Please be sure to bring a snack or sandwich for Friday evening.
- Please go to <http://usscouts.org/usscouts/mb/worksheets/Wilderness-Survival.pdf> and print out the worksheet for the Wilderness Survival Merit Badge. You **MUST** bring this and a pen with you!
- Prepare a personal survival kit as noted in requirement 5 below. Start with the 10 Essentials and creatively add to it. **MUST wear Boots and bring a cup!**
- Unless the weather is severe, we'll be sleeping outdoors in a shelter each scout will build, see requirement 8 below. Lean-to's have been reserved as a backup. Check the weather and pack appropriate clothing!

### • Merit Badge Requirements are:

- 1) Do the following:
  - a) 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.
  - b) 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.
- 2) From memory, list the seven priorities for survival in a backcountry or wilderness location. Explain the importance of each one with your counselor.
- 3) Discuss ways to avoid panic and maintain a high level of morale when lost and explain why this is important.
- 4) Describe the steps you would take to survive in the following conditions:
  - a) Cold and snowy
  - b) Wet (forest)
  - c) Hot and dry (desert)
  - d) Windy (mountains or plains)
  - e) Water (ocean, lake, or river)
- 5) Put together a personal survival kit and explain how each item in it could be useful
- 6) Using three different methods (other than matches), build and light three fires.
- 7) Do the following:
  - a) Show five different ways to attract attention when lost.
  - b) Demonstrate how to use a signal mirror.
  - c) Describe from memory five ground-to-air signals and tell what they mean.
- 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.
- 9) Explain how to protect yourself from insects, reptiles, and bears.
- 10) Demonstrate three ways to treat water found in the outdoors to prepare it for drinking.
- 11) Show that you know the proper clothing to wear in your area on an overnight in extremely hot weather and in extremely cold weather.
- 12) Explain why it usually is not wise to eat edible wild plants or wildlife in a wilderness survival situation.

