



Our Scout motto, "Be Prepared," is never more important than in dealing with emergency situations. The ability to make correct decisions under pressure really tests a Scout. As Scouts progress through the program, they perfect their skills in leadership, the outdoors, and working with people. Emergency preparedness means being prepared in all of these areas.

Your troop meeting activities this month should focus on emergency preparedness procedures. Younger Scouts will work on first aid requirements for Tenderfoot through First Class. Experienced Scouts will concentrate on advanced skills and the First Aid and Emergency Preparedness merit badges.

The big event will be "The Real Thing" weekend. Patrols will face some realistic emergency situations requiring first aid, decision-making, and teamwork.

## SCOUTING OUTCOMES

This month's patrol and troop activities should give your Scouts:

- An understanding of basic first aid techniques.
- A good grasp of the fundamentals for dealing with life-threatening situations.
- Growing self-confidence in making decisions.

## ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

By the end of the month, all Scouts should have met the majority of their basic first aid requirements through First Class. Depending on the length of your outing, they may also complete all or part of the following rank requirements:

### *Tenderfoot*

- Outdoor—Cooking, camping, hiking
- Citizenship—Flag ceremonies, first aid
- Patrol/troop participation—Patrol identification
- Personal development—Scout Oath and Law

### *Second Class*

- Outdoor—Cooking, camping, hiking
- Citizenship—Flag ceremonies, first aid
- Patrol/troop participation
- Personal development—Scout Oath and Law

### *First Class*

- Outdoor—Cooking, camping, nature, hiking
- Citizenship—Flag ceremonies, Good Turn
- Patrol/troop participation
- Personal development—Scout Oath and Law