



Having a good experience on a troop campout requires safety practices that prevent accidents. Safety is really a prevention tool. Performing a project correctly, using the proper tools and procedures, could protect you from serious injury.

If an accident does occur, a Scout should be prepared to deal with the situation and make decisions that will prevent further harm. "Safety first" is a motto that has been used by companies and organizations for years. Make it yours. As you plan your outing this month, take extra care that all safety precautions are covered. While this is a routine part of campout planning, it never hurts to take a good look at each task or project you're doing to make sure you really are taking the proper precautions.

SCOUTING OUTCOMES

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

- An understanding that the pledge "to help other people at all times" requires skill as well as good will toward others.
- A good grasp of the fundamentals of first aid for life-threatening injuries and for many other less serious injuries.
- Growing self-confidence that they will be able to act rationally in an emergency.
- The ability to evaluate a situation to make sure it is safe.

ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

Tenderfoot

- Outdoor—Cooking, hiking, camping, nature
- Citizenship—Flag ceremonies
- 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—Patrol identification
- Personal development—Scout Oath and Law

First Class

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

Merit Badges. Older Scouts can concentrate on the First Aid, Safety, and Firemanship merit badges this month; they should be able to complete many of the requirements. Depending on activities during the outing, they may also cover requirements in Cooking, Hiking, and Camping.