

Scout Skills for Adults: #2 – 2nd Class

If you had to leave your home during an emergency, camping out is a very good option. That is, if you know how. Here are some of the skills a Boy Scout must learn to reach the second rank in Scouting: 2nd Class.

1. Demonstrate how a compass works. Demonstrate how to orient a map. Explain what map symbols mean. Using a compass and a map together, take a five-mile hike.
2. Participate in two overnight campouts. On a campout, select the campsite. On a campout, sleep in a tent that you pitched.
3. Demonstrate proper care, sharpening, and use of the knife, saw and ax. Describe when they should be used.
4. Use the tools above to prepare tinder, kindling, and fuel for a cooking fire. For a cooking fire and a light-weight stove, discuss safety procedures, when to use them, and demonstrate how to light them.
5. On a campout, plan and cook one meal over an open fire. Explain the importance of good nutrition. Tell how to transport, store, and prepare the foods you selected.
6. Participate in a flag ceremony.
7. Participate in a service project (1 hour minimum).
8. Identify at least 10 kinds of wild animals found in your community.
9. Show what to do for "hurry" cases of: stopped breathing, serious bleeding, or internal poisoning.
10. Prepare a personal first-aid kit to take with you on a hike.
11. Demonstrate first aid for the following: object in the eye; bite of a suspected rabid animal; puncture wounds from a splinter, nail, and fishhook; serious burns (second-degree); heat exhaustion; shock; heat stroke; dehydration; hypothermia; or hyper ventilation.
12. Tell what precautions must be taken for a safe swim. Jump feet first into water over your head in depth. Swim 50 feet.
13. Demonstrate water rescue methods: reaching with your arm or leg or a suitable object, or throwing lines and objects. Explain why you should not attempt a swimming rescue when a reaching or throwing rescue is possible. Explain why and how a rescue swimmer should avoid contact with the victim.
14. Participate in a program on the dangers of using drugs, alcohol, and tobacco and other practices that could be harmful to your health.

For additional outdoor skills, see the Tips "**Scout Skills for Adults: #1 – Tenderfoot**" and "**Scout Skills for Adults: #3 – First Class.**"