



TROOP FIVE

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



Scoutmaster Conference questions, by chapter, all taken from the Boy Scout Handbook:

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CAMPING

Chapter 9 - Page 217

1. Explain the terms low impact and no trace camping.
2. What equipment are considered "outdoor essentials" for Scouts and discuss some of the equipment.
3. What is the function of the hip belt on a backpack?
4. How do you best organize your backpack's contents?
5. Describe how to set up a tarp as a dining fly using only cord.
6. What are the factors in choosing a campsite?
7. Where should the latrine be located?
8. What is the proper depth of a latrine and why?
9. List the most important personal overnight camp gear or summer.
10. List essential patrol overnight gear or a hike.
11. What do you do if a black bear comes into camp?
12. What is the proper layout of a patrol campsite?
13. How would you organize the chores during a patrol camping trip?
14. How do you start a fire when there is snow on the ground?

COOKING

Chapter 10 - Page 247

1. Which of the three types of fires would you make in the rain?
2. Giardia - What is it, and what do you do about it?
3. What do you do if you run out of water on a camping trip?
4. How do you sharpen a knife?
5. The head of your ax is loose. How do you solve the problem during a campout?
6. What is the advantage of using a stove over a fire?
7. What are the different types of fuel stoves and their advantages?
8. Describe two ways to make a fire without the use of matches.
9. Explain the main components of 3 dinners, 2 breakfasts and 2 lunches.
10. What are the proper clean up requirements for cooking utensils?
11. How do you protect food from animals and the elements.
12. How do you clean up a kitchen and fire site?

KNOTS

Chapter 3,5 - Page 36, 37, 138

1. What two knots do you use to pitch a tent?
2. What three knots are used to make a loop and what are their different functions and characteristics?
3. What are the three tests of a good knot?
4. When would you use a sheetbend and a sheepshank?
5. What are two uses for a timber hitch?
6. What is the triangle principle in lashings?
7. Do and explain the differences between a square and diagonal lashings.
8. Do a tripod lashing and explain three uses of it.
9. Do an eye splice.
10. What is a shear lashing?

HIKING AND COMPASS

Chapter 8 - Page 197

1. What is the first thing you should do if you are lost in the woods?
2. What are the precautions against lightning when hiking?
3. Why is wearing two pairs of socks better protection against blisters than one thick sock?
4. What are the outdoor essentials that you should take on every hike?
5. What is a good average hiking pace?
6. What are longitude and latitude?
7. What is the scale of a map?
8. What are contour lines?
9. What is the difference between true and magnetic north?
10. What does it mean to orient a map visually and by compass?
11. Explain and name the points of a compass and how to find a bearing.
12. Explain two ways of measuring the height of a tree.
13. Explain the stick and hat methods of measuring the width of a river.
14. Find north using the watch and the shadow stick methods. What are their respective merits?

SWIMMING

Chapters 5 - Page 155

1. Describe the key elements of a "safe swim".
2. Describe the safest method of water rescue.
3. Describe the "floating technique".
4. Describe how to use a pair of trousers for a floating device.
5. Your canoe tips over. What do you do?
6. Why should even a good swimmer wear a floatation device on a boat or canoe?

NATURE

Chapters 9 - Page 234-235

1. Describe the meaning of the food chain.
2. Differentiate between plants and animals.
3. Describe the water cycle.
4. What is the difference between conifer and deciduous trees?
5. Draw the outlines of a Silver Maple and Pin Oak leaves.
6. How do you find the North Star using the Big Dipper?
7. Name 4 planets other than the Earth.

FIRST AID

Chapters 11 - Page 287

1. Sketch and talk about the food triangle as it relates to recommended types of food.
2. What are the three primary objectives of first aid?
3. Discuss shock and its treatment.
4. Demonstrate CPR
5. Explain how to treat for Poison Ivy exposure.
6. What is the difference between heat exhaustion and heat stroke?
7. How do you treat for hypothermia?
8. What is the difference between a compound and simple fracture?
9. Give the basic do's and don'ts for compound and simple fractures.
10. How do rescue someone who has fallen through the ice?
11. How do you treat arterial bleeding?
12. What do you do if you know that a person has consumed some kind of poison?

DEMOCRACY

Chapters 12 - Page 331-340

1. What is the Morse Code for SOS?
2. Describe the U.S. flag.
3. What is the procedure for raising and lowering the U.S. flag? How is a flag raised to half-mast?
4. What two houses make up Congress and how are their members elected?
5. What is the function of the Supreme Court? Name two Supreme Court justices.
6. Name 3 services that Bronxville Village provides for you.
7. Name 3 services that New York State provides for you.
8. Name 3 services that the federal government provides for you.
9. In your opinion, what are the two most important responsibilities that a U.S. citizen has?
10. What is the role of the vice-president and who is he?
11. Who is the mayor of Bronxville?
12. What is a democracy?

FAMILY

Chapters 14 - Page 371-374

1. What are the two most common home accidents and what can be done to prevent them?
2. What are your responsibilities as a member of your family?

THE SPIRIT OF SCOUTING

Chap. 19 - Page 435

1. Describe the elements of the Scout badge.
2. What is Scout spirit?
3. What are the three badges of identification on your uniform?
4. Give the Scout Oath and explain its meaning.
5. Give the meanings of the 4th and 6th Scouts laws.
6. Give the Scout slogan and describe how it applies to you.
7. What is a jamboree?
8. Who founded Scouting and when?
9. What is the function of the Board of Review?
10. What are the responsibilities of the higher ranks in Scouting?