



# Rough Rider District Wilderness Survival Merit Badge Adventure

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

February 20 & 21 2015

McGimsey Scout Park

The event will be conducted in accordance with current BSA  
and Alamo Area council policies and guidelines



# Accountability



- There will be a deliberate check-in and check-out procedure.
- In order to successfully complete the entire Wilderness Survival merit badge (MB) all participants are required to stay for the duration of the event.
- No Scout will be allowed to leave the event without being picked-up by a parent or designated legal guardian.
- There will be several “headcounts” throughout the event to ensure accountability.
- Every effort will be made to ensure the safety and accountability of all participants.



# Concept



- Register online prior to event.  
<http://www.alamoareabsa.org/RoughRider/Events/RRWildernessSurvivalWorkshop2015>
- Scout's arrive and in process at one of designated tepee's
  - Must have a signed, consent form (should be posted on the registration page)
  - Copy of current Scout physical (returned at checkout).
  - Requirement #5 is the only prerequisite. "Put together a personal survival kit and explain how each item in it could be useful." See MB worksheet or MB booklet for specifics.
  - Sleeping bag, ground cloth, material necessary to build a shelter (e.g. tarp), water bottle, mess kit with mug, device other than matches to build a fire (e.g. flint and steel, magnifying glass), writing instrument with paper, wilderness survival MB book and worksheet, and weather appropriate clothing.
  - Emergency contact information for event will be provided to parents at registration.



# Concept



- Cell phone policy: we highly discourage the use of cell phone during training. As almost all training will take place outside, the ability to charge cell phones will be extremely limited. No special accommodations will be made to charge cell phones and be prepared to safeguard the phone from weather.
- Weather policy: If it snows, we will have snow ball fights. If it rains, we may dance in it, and will definitely sleep in it. If it hails, we will catch the pea and golf ball size hail and make snow cones out of them. If there is a tornado, hurricane, or tsunami we will seek appropriate shelter.
- After in-processing, Scout's will be assigned a tribe for the duration of the adventure. Each tribe will have a senior guide assigned to assist the Scout.
- Food will be provided, food allergies must be identified in advance by parents (menu will be posted by 13 Feb on face book, the menu will be based on commercially processed wild game-venison).



# Program



- We will start the day meeting as a big group to cover administrative concerns and then move into academics of the merit badge.
- Time will be provided before lunch for each tribe at set-up shelters. There will be a contest for the most livable shelter, and the most questionable shelter
- After lunch there will be five stations that each group will rotate thru in order to complete requirements.
- At the end of the day, there will be a written, open book/note check (MB work sheet) on learning.
- After dinner additional time is provided to make any upgrades to the shelter's.
- There will be a campfire and cracker barrel to close the days activities.
- Sunday morning will be devoted to completing any last minute requirements and clean-up.
- Parents are asked to pick-up Scout's at 10:00 in the parking lot by the dining facility.
- Every Scout will leave with a "blue card" verifying the requirements that have been completed.



# Medical & Safety



- There will be a person designated as a medic and safety officer.
- In the event of a life/limb/or eye sight injury, we will seek immediate medical care.
- In the event of illness, we will contact the parent or legal guardian.
- Medication(s) if required, must be in the original container and placed in a “baggie”, clearly marked with Scout’s name and Troop #. Baggie must contain a 3x5 index card with any special instructions including a point of contact with phone number.



# Point of contact



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