

## EXPERIENCED CAMPER



Camping for this award will be done in tents. You will spend at least four nights in tents and the requirements will often be completed at more than one camp.

Requirements might be completed in two weekend camps, or at a four-day camp, or at a weeklong camp. However, it is important that at least one of your experiences be at least two consecutive nights. All requirements must be completed to earn this award.

### Award Requirements

#### Part A

#### 1. Make a Be Prepared plan that includes:

- ★ The safety precautions you should take in severe weather, such as a thunderstorm, high winds, or other types of weather that may occur where you live or where you are camping.
- ★ A plan to search for a missing person. Include why it is important for searchers to communicate with a home base. Make a list of places to look and decide how you'll establish search teams. Determine what time period you will wait before organizing a search.
- ★ A system to keep in touch when groups are in different parts of your camping area. What are some ways you can stay in touch?
- ★ A place for everyone to meet in case of an emergency. What sort of emergencies would you use this location for?

If possible, try out your search plan. Have your Guider hide an object or hide herself. It's important to set a time limit in case the search plan does not work. If this happens, discuss why the plan didn't work and the changes you could make.

#### 2. Practice camp and camp leadership skills:

- ★ Experiment with three kinds of outdoor cooking. For example: oven, bean-hole, buddy burners, no utensils, camp stove or an open fire.
- ★ Take part in an activity to learn emergency skills on water or on land.
- ★ Show other girls how to make a simple camp gadget.
- ★ Lead a wide game or other fun outdoor activity.
- ★ Help lead a flag ceremony or Guides' Own that you helped to plan.

**Part A**  
cont.

 Do one of the following:

On a clear night, observe the sky. Identify one planet, the North Star, one other star and three constellations.

Observe the weather for at least two consecutive days, noting the temperature, clouds, wind and precipitation.

How can these things help you predict future weather?

Identify plants found in your camping area.

Are any of them useful?

Are any harmful, such as poison ivy?

**Part B**

With a small group of other Guides, plan to spend at least 24 hours together at camp. You will camp as a separate small group, a short distance away from other campers. This will be similar to your other camping experiences except that you will be required to plan your time, look after your own needs and lead your own activities. However, an adult will supervise you when you are cooking on a fire or stove.

Your activities must include the following, although you may choose to do extra things as well.

You will do this as a small group activity.

-  Before you leave for camp, the group should plan and agree on what you will do for your independent camping experience.
-  Plan and cook your own balanced meals. This should include one three-course meal cooked outdoors.
-  Share duties at your campsite.
-  Help organize and play an outdoor game with your own small group or with the rest of the camp.
-  Explore the area around your campsite. Discover something about the environment, such as what kinds of wildlife live here and why. In an interesting way, share what you have discovered with the others.
-  Practice safety in your campsite.
-  Leave the environment around your campsite clean and as undamaged as possible.
-  As a small group, evaluate your 24-hour camping experience. Did everyone share in the responsibilities?  
What would you change about the experience if you repeated it? What would you keep the same?  
Share the results of your discussion with your Guider and with the other girls in your unit.