

General P.A.S.S. Instructions

1. Read the P.A.S.S. sign off sheet, located at the end of this manual, carefully to see what you must do for each requirement.
2. You must be ready to demonstrate that you not only know HOW to do each requirement, but that you are also PROFICIENT in doing it.
3. Study your Boy Scout Handbook and PRACTICE each requirement BEFORE you ask the P.A.S.S. counselor to test you.
4. It is not the counselor's job to teach you the requirements. BE PREPARED.
5. P.A.S.S. testing is best done on camping trips, when one or more counselors and the materials are available. PLAN AHEAD.
6. LASHINGS: It is very important that each lash be tight and correct. The counselors will provide ropes and the poles to lash.
7. COOKING:

It is essential that you practice cooking meals at home, so you have experience in planning the meal, buying the food, and how long it takes to cook different foods.

Whole meat is required, you cannot use ground beef

You must cook your P.A.S.S. meal on a patrol cooking camping trip, no other substitute. PLAN AHEAD.

Bring all food uncut and unprepared. Preparation is part of the time limit.

8. HIKING: The troop has a backpacking trip every year of at least 10 miles. It is recommended that you use this trip to fulfill this requirement.
9. FIRE BUILDING: The fire must be built using standard Boy Scout methods. A fire with just dried grass will not pass. You may use a grate or other methods to suspend the pot over the fire.
10. SCOUT HISTORY: The list of questions is in section 8 of this manual.
11. KNIFE AND AXE: The counselor will provide the materials for sharpening and an axe.

You supply the knife.
12. COMPASS: The compass game will be set up on selected camping trips and at other times.
13. Remember to PRACTICE and to BE PREPARED.

Proficiency Award for Scout Skills – P.A.S.S.

Applicant: _____ 3.

Telephone: _____

1. KNOTS

Tie the following knots using one length of rope in 60 seconds or less: Clove Hitch, Square Knot, Tautline Hitch, Sheet Bend, Bowline, and Two Half Hitches.

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2. LASHINGS

A. Lash a travois using 3 lengths of rope and three poles with two square lashes and one diagonal lash in 5 minutes or less. All three lashings must be correct and the travois must be capable of supporting your Scoutmaster for at least one minute.

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B. Using three poles and one length of rope, lash a tripod in less than 2 minutes. The lashing must be correct and the tripod must be capable of supporting a 5 gallon container full of water.

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3. CAMPING

By yourself, set up a troop Alps Mountaineering tent correctly with all the necessary stakes in less than 7 minutes. The following items should be considered:

- position of the door
- tent tautness
- terrain
- weather

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4. COOKING

By yourself, prepare and clean up a complete meal for your patrol (6 or more people) consisting of no less than: 1 cooked whole meat, 2 cooked fresh vegetables, baked bread, hot drink, and hot dessert. Everything must be completed in two hours or less. All cooking is to be done on an open fire.

APPROVAL: _____

DATE/TIME: _____

5. MAPPING

Using a topographical map of a given area, correctly orient the map and locate your position to within 100 feet of a point on the map. This must be done in 3 minutes or less.

APPROVAL: _____

DATE/TIME: _____

6. HIKING

Prepare for and take an overnight hike of at least ten miles in one day, carrying everything you will need on your back. Your itinerary and route must be approved in advance by the certifying adult.

APPROVAL: _____

DATE: _____

7. FIRE BUILDING

Build a fire using natural materials (i.e., no paper, fire starters, cotton, etc.) using no more than 2 matches. With this fire, bring 8 oz. of water to a boil. This must be completed in 10 minutes or less.

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8. SCOUT HISTORY

Be able to answer 19 out of 20 questions pertaining to the history of the Boy Scouts of America. These questions are to be chosen at random by the certifying adult.

APPROVAL: _____

DATE: _____

9. FIRST AID

Correctly identify 3 First Aid situations given to you by the certifying adult. There may be no errors in treatment or action.

APPROVAL: _____

DATE: _____

10. KNIFE AND AXE

A. Demonstrate to the certifying adult the correct way to handle, use, and sharpen a knife.

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DATE: _____

B. Demonstrate to the certifying adult the correct way to handle, use, and sharpen an axe.

APPROVAL: _____

DATE: _____

C. Whittle a Troop 497 neckerchief slide.

APPROVAL: _____

DATE: _____

11. COMPASS

Using the Scout Compass Game and a compass, complete three sets of directions, recording the final destination marker for each set. Demonstrate your ability by not missing more than a grand total of two markers for all of the three sets.

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DATE: _____

12. DIRECTION FINDING

A. Without a compass, in the daytime, determine and lay out a line running North to South.

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DATE: _____

B. Without a compass, in the evening, determine and lay out a line running East to West.

APPROVAL: _____

DATE: _____

13. OATH AND LAW

Repeat the Scout Oath from memory and define the three parts of the Oath and their meaning.

Repeat the Scout Law from memory and define each of the twelve points.

APPROVAL: _____

DATE: _____

Completed All Requirements

APPROVAL: _____

DATE: _____

I certify that I completed all requirements to the best of my ability and according to the principles of the Scout Oath and Law.
