

Boy Scout Merit Badge Notes



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



Requirement #8c

- Do the following:
 - Show the personal "emergency pack" which you have prepared to be ready for a mobilization call. Show a family kit (suitcase or box) for use by your family in case an emergency evacuation is needed. Explain the need.

Emergency Service Pack

Be prepared for a mobilization call with an emergency service personal pack. To be ready in almost any kind of emergency, equip your pack using the following checklist:

_____ Poncho or raincoat (with hood, hat, or sou'wester)

_____ Change of underwear and socks

_____ Small bag with toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, comb, needle, thread, shoelaces, and toilet paper

_____ Sleeping bag (or bedroll of two wool blankets) and waterproof ground cloth

_____ Maps of areas where your troop is likely to serve

_____ 50 feet of No. 5 sash cord or similar-sized nylon cord

_____ Hand ax or belt knife

_____ Water purification tablets

_____ Cook kit and canteen

_____ Flashlight

_____ Battery-powered radio

_____ Extra batteries (stored separately)

_____ Hard hat

_____ Other equipment as determined by weather (winter jacket, rubber boots, gloves, etc)

_____ Personal first aid kit

You can order a personal first aid kit through your local council service center, or you can make your own. Include gauze bandages, gauze pads, adhesive bandages, soap, burn ointment, and roller bandages.

Also put the following items in your pack if you have room. If you don't have room, store these in a box and keep them where you can quickly put them in your pockets.

_____ Matches in a waterproof container

_____ Emergency ration (well wrapped)

_____ Pencil and small notebook

_____ Handkerchief

_____ Extra adhesive bandages

_____ Compass

_____ Watch (unless you usually wear one)

_____ Scout knife

_____ Facial tissues

_____ Work gloves

Family Emergency Kit

If you received a flood warning and your family had to evacuate, you might have time to throw together a few items or dash to a well stocked emergency shelter. It would be better to have a box or suitcase of supplies ready. A prepared family keeps enough emergency supplies on hand to meet its needs for a few days or, better, for a week. These items come in handy in an emergency even if you do not have to evacuate. Some families keep their supplies in a basement shelter area or in a storm cellar, if they have one.

Include the following items:

_____ Three-day supply of water (one gallon per person per day) stored in sealed, unbreakable containers such as plastic jugs

_____ Nonperishable packaged or canned foods and a nonelectric can opener

_____ Eating utensils

_____ Any special foods or other items for babies, elderly people, or disabled family members

_____ Family first aid kit

_____ Prescription medications

_____ Battery-powered radio

_____ Flashlight or lantern

_____ Extra batteries (stored separately)

_____ Matches

_____ Blankets, or a sleeping bag for each family member

_____ Emergency toilet, if needed -- use a garbage container, bucket, or similar watertight container with snug fitting lid; plastic bags for liners; and household disinfectant (chlorine bleach) for odor control