

Wilderness Survival Merit Badge Requirement # 5

Make up a personal survival kit and be able to explain how each item in it is useful.

1. Ten Outdoor Essentials:
 - a. Pocket knife
 - b. First-aid kit
 - c. Extra clothing
 - d. Rain gear
 - e. Water bottle
 - f. Flashlight
 - g. Trail food
 - h. Matches and fire starter
 - i. Sunscreen
 - j. Map and compass
2. Duct tape (can be used to close the face opening in your instant body shelter; to patch clothing, as an emergency bandage tape, etc.)
3. Signal (a mirror, a bright orange bandanna or other piece of brightly colored cloth, or anything else that could attract attention from a distance)
4. Two or three bouillon cubes
5. Two or three flavored drink-mix packets
6. Two or three adhesive bandages
7. Money for a phone call
8. Nylon fishing line (50 feet) and hooks
9. 24 feet of thin (18-gauge) wire
10. In addition there are two basic items that always should be carried on your person, rather than in your pack;
 - a. a garbage bag, and
 - b. a whistle.

Your pack could become separated from you even on a very short hike.

11. Other items to consider:
 - a. Cell phone
 - b. Prescription Medications
12. Add or subtract to this as you believe necessary:
 - a.
 - b.