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- He [She] is an outdoorsman
- He [She] knows how to camp, swim, hike, use woods tools, build a fire, and find his [her] way with a map and compass
- He [She] has spent at least 20 days and nights camping out in a tent he [she] pitched on a site he [she] selected
- Many of those times he [she] planned his [her] own menu and cooked his [her] own food

- He [She] can identify local animals and plants, including poisonous ones
- He [She] understands the causes of water, land, and air pollution
- He [She] has spent 8 hours studying a 10-acre plot of land and has reported what he [she] saw

- He [She] knows how to treat fractures, head injuries, hypothermia, convulsions, frostbite, abdominal pain, muscle cramps, and knocked-out teeth
- He [She] knows what to do for fires, explosions, desert emergencies, motor-vehicle accidents, mountain accidents, food poisoning, gas leaks, earthquakes, floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, atomic emergencies, and avalanches

- He [She] has been to school board meetings and village board meetings and knows how the government is organized
- He [She] knows who his [her] United States Representative and Senators are and has written a letter to one of them
- He [She] has read the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States of America

- He [She] knows how to manage his [her] money, and understands the benefits of putting money into savings bonds, mutual funds, or common stock
- He [She] can find foreign-currency exchange rates in the newspapers

- He [She] has talked to his [her] family about finances, drug abuse, and growing up
- He [She] has done a safety inspection of his [her] home and reviewed his [her] family's escape plans

- All of these he [she] did in order to earn the merit badges required for Eagle
- Beyond those, he [she] earned eight elective merit badges...