

WILDERNESS SURVIVAL - LEADER KEY

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WITH EVALUATION HINTS

**Gold boxes contain leader hints for evaluating each requirement*

STEP 1 | DISCOVER

INITIALS

- a) Explain the most likely wilderness hazards and demonstrate first aid and prevention for common backcountry injuries and illnesses. _____

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Look for calm, procedural thinking rather than bravado.

- b) From memory, list and explain the seven priorities for wilderness survival. _____

♂ LEADER KEY

Memory and reasoning must both be present.

- c) Explain techniques for avoiding panic and maintaining morale when lost, and why this directly affects survival outcomes. _____

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Listen for self-awareness and humility.

STEP 2 | PLAN

INITIALS

- a) Describe survival strategies for multiple exposure environments: cold/snowy, wet, hot/dry, windy, and aquatic settings. _____

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b) Assemble a personal survival kit and explain the purpose of each item. _____

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Look for intentional, experience-based choices.

STEP 3 | ACT

INITIALS

a) Using three different non-match methods, build and light three controlled fires suitable for survival use. _____

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Fire discipline matters more than speed.

a.1) Prepare tinder, kindling, and fuel correctly _____

a.2) Demonstrate spark-based, friction-based, and lens or battery-based ignition _____

a.3) Maintain fire control and extinguish safely _____

b) Demonstrate signaling skills for rescue, including attention methods, signal mirror use, and ground-to-air signals. _____

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Accuracy and recall are essential.

b.1) Demonstrate five attention-getting methods _____

b.2) Use a signal mirror correctly on a target _____

b.3) Recite and explain five ground-to-air signals _____

c) Improvise a low-impact natural shelter and spend one night in it under approved supervision. _____

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This is a high-load requirement—safety oversight is critical.

c.1) Select a safe site considering drainage and wind _____

c.2) Construct shelter using minimal-impact techniques _____

c.3) Maintain body heat and dryness overnight _____

c.4) Leave the site restored _____

d) Demonstrate three methods for treating water collected in the outdoors for safe drinking. _____

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Look for understanding of method limits.

d.1) Boiling _____

d.2) Chemical treatment _____

d.3) Filtration or UV treatment _____

e) Demonstrate proper clothing selection for extreme heat, cold, and wet conditions, and explain why each choice matters. _____

♂ LEADER KEY
Reasoning matters more than brand knowledge.

STEP 4 | REFLECT

INITIALS

a) Explain how respect for life, restraint, and humility guide decisions in a survival situation, including why eating wild plants or animals is usually unwise. _____

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Listen for maturity and moral grounding.

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END OF REQUIREMENTS

BY SIGNING BELOW, I CERTIFY TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE THAT ALL REQUIREMENTS WERE MET AT OR ABOVE THE REQUIRED STANDARDS AS OUTLINED IN THE BADGE REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST.

SKILL BADGE ADVISOR

DATE (YYYY-MM-DD)