

GIRL GUIDES OF CANADA-GUIDES DU CANADA - BC COUNCIL
Progression of Camping Skills

SPARKS – Go, Sparks, Go!

Sparks should experience:

- helping with chores
- deciding what to wear on an outing and what to take
- a sleepover or
- a day camp or
- a residential camp (1 or 2 nights)



Sparks should be introduced to:

- the environment and how she helps to keep it clean
- the environment and what grows there and what lives there
- nature (hug a tree)

BROWNIES – Can do it!

Camping is fun and there is so much to do and learn!

Brownies should experience:

- helping with chores
- how to prepare for an outing or hike
- packing own gear
- a weekend residential camp (2 nights)



Brownies should be introduced to:

- map and compass
- setting up a campfire and striking a match
- basic first aid
- an overnight outdoor camp
- basic environmental conservation (recycling, etc.)
- nature (nature bingo, nature treasure hunt, etc.)
- knots (reef knot, etc.)

GUIDES – *Guides on the Go!*

Prepare, Experience, Respect, Protect

Guides should be able to do all of the skills listed under the Brownie program as well as:

Guides should experience:

- a camp skills training
- cooking in a variety of different ways (on a camp stove, a buddy burner, on a campfire, etc.)
- outdoor camping
- a district, area or provincially sponsored camp



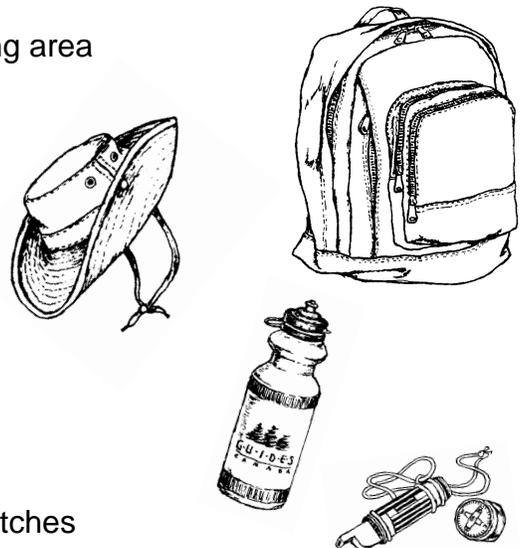
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Guides should have knowledge of:

- making and using a fire starter
- basic first aid
- camp and fire safety
- storing food safely
- washing dishes and clean-up of their cooking and eating area
- proper garbage and liquid disposal
- local fire rules
- their local environment (no tracing, 3 R's)

Guides should have the ability, with no help to:

- waterproof a bedroll
- pack and carry own gear
- put up a tent
- set up and start a campfire
- cook on a campfire
- plan a small program (game, craft, campfire etc.)
- light a stove and lantern
- tie a sheet bend, clove hitch, round turn and two half hitches
- mark and follow a trail
- make a simple camp gadget



Guides should have the ability, with help to:

- string up a tarp
- prepare an emergency shelter
- plan a menu and do the shopping
- read a compass and navigate an orienteering course
- practice basic first aid
- prepare a woodpile
- plan a hike

PATHFINDERS – Listen, Learn, Lead, Live!

Prepare and Prevent, Experience and Evaluate, Protect and Conserve, Challenge and Lead

Pathfinders should be able to do all of the skills listed under the Guide program as well as:



Pathfinders should experience:

- an adventure camp (winter, kayaking, cycling, backpacking, etc.)
- an outdoor camp of five consecutive nights
- the application process for provincial, inter-provincial, national or international events

Pathfinders should have knowledge of:

- tent repairs
- different types of tents (dome, ridge pole, etc.)
- how to pitch a tent when the use of pegs is not possible
- storm lashing
- what camping equipment is needed (tent, rope, pegs, stove, lanterns, etc.)
- national, provincial, local and Girl Guide regulations
- their local environment (what lives, there, what grows there, what shouldn't be there.)
- emergency preparedness
- how to read the weather
- finding directions without a compass
- appropriate clothing for different outings (footgear, winter clothing, sleeping bags, backpacks, rain gear, etc.)

Pathfinders should have the ability to:

- plan and run a camp, providing leadership
- enforce good safety practices
- plan and carry out a program
- budget a camp
- make a more complicated camp gadget
- practice minimum impact camping
- return all camp gear clean, dry and in good condition
- use, sharpen and care for a knife, hatchet or axe
- use and care for a camping and a lightweight camping stove
- prepare and use a first aid kit



RANGERS

Rangers should be able to do all of the skills listed under the Pathfinder program as well as:

Rangers should have the ability to:

- plan and run their own camp with minimum input from Guiders
- plan and run their own event for younger girls with adequate adult supervision for ratio
- attend camp related trainings

