

Sharing survival skills

Work as a team to help others learn some useful survival skills

Plan and run a Youth Shaped family and friends event at your meeting place or a local campsite, where young people can demonstrate three types of survival skill to show their knowledge and pass it on to others.



Felix Immler

For more camping activities, take a look at *The Swiss Army Knife Book: 63 Outdoor Projects* by Felix Immler, and search for him on YouTube.

Top tips

Survival expert Felix Immler shares his advice on building a shelter

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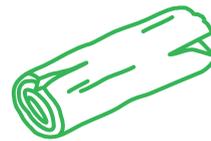
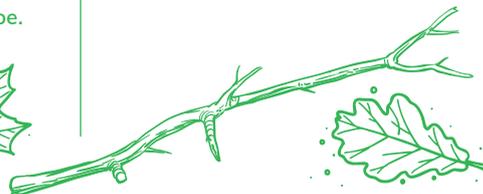
Using overhanging rocks, caves, fallen trees, spruce or other trees with dense branches can make it easier to build a shelter.

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If it's dry, floor insulation is more important than a roof. Use everything you can find: grass, leaves, branches, clothes, etc.

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When camping in windy conditions, a few rocks, a mound or a few stacked tree trunks can significantly reduce the draught.





Helping hands

Encourage young people to help with risk assessments and safety for each of the activities. Learn more at: scouts.org.uk/safety.

Suitable for Scouts

Instructions

1 Explain to your section that you are going to be planning an event where they will be teaching a survival skill to others. Ask them for suggestions about the best ways to teach others a skill. This might include providing a list of the equipment needed, safety tips, step-by-step instructions and practical demonstrations. It could also include interpersonal skills, like explaining things clearly, thinking through what information you want to get across, and being patient while people learn.

2 Ask your section to choose three survival skills that they want to demonstrate to friends and family at the event. These might be: how to build a fire using natural materials; first aid skills with limited resources; how to sharpen a knife safely; building a shelter; or how to use international distress signals. Instructions and resources for activities can be found at: fundraising.scouts.org.uk/victorinox.

3 Split your section into three groups, and task each one with planning a survival skill activity. Ask them to work together as a team to decide how they will teach this skill to a small group of other people.

Each member of the team should have a task during the survival skill demonstration and teaching process.

4 Help the young people make a list of all the equipment they will need for their chosen skills and to gather this together for the event.

5 Pick a date and a location for your event and encourage everyone to share this with friends and family.

6 On the day of the event, set up three survival skill work stations, and allow family and friends time to visit each one, where the young people will lead the sessions.

7 If your young people have opted to demonstrate knife or multi-tool skills, make sure they are working in a group of no more than three to four and are supervised by a leader. Find guidance at scouts.org.uk/knife-safety.

8 At the event, have recruitment information available for any adults attending who might be interested in getting involved in Scouts on a regular basis. If they have fun, suggest they come along to a meeting!

Time needed 90 minutes

Badges



Victorinox partners the Scout Survival Skills Activity Badge

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Outcomes

The young people will show they understand their chosen survival skills and can work as a team to pass on this knowledge to others.

More information

For more badge resources and activity sheets visit: fundraising.scouts.org.uk/victorinox