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May Week 1

Home Assignment - **Bear**

Earn the **Whittling Chip** (part of the Bear Claws Adventure)

Requirement 3 of the Bear Claws Adventure

Akela's OK

Date

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Whittling Chip:

1. Know the safety rules for handling a knife.
2. Show that you know how to take care of and use a pocketknife.
3. Make a carving with a pocketknife. Work with your den leader or other adult when doing this. (See carving instructions below.)
4. Read, understand and promise to abide by the "Knives Are Not Toys" guidelines.
5. Read, understand and promise to abide by the "Pocketknife Pledge"

"Knife Safety Rules"

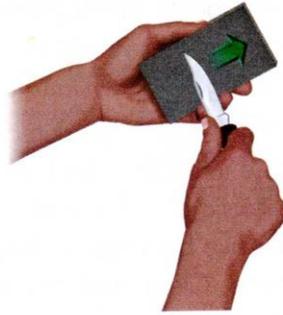
- A knife is a tool, not a toy
- Know how to sharpen a knife.
- A sharp knife is safer than a dull knife because it is less likely to slip and cut you.
- Keep the blade clean and dry.
- Never carry an open pocketknife
- When you are not using your knife, close it using the palm of your hand and put it away.
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- Learn and use the "eye contact" method of handing a knife to someone else. Do not release the knife until the other person makes eye contact with you and acknowledges he is receiving the knife.
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"Knives Are Not Toys" Guidelines

- Close the blade with the palm of your hand.
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- Be Careful that you do not cut yourself or any person nearby.

KEEPING YOUR KNIFE SHARP

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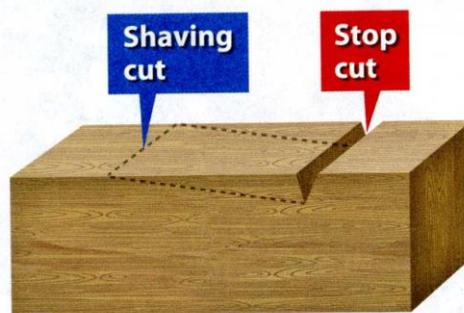


-Never use a knife to strip the bark from a tree.

-Do not carve your initials into anything that does not belong to you.

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“The Pocketknife Pledge”

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Carving Helps:

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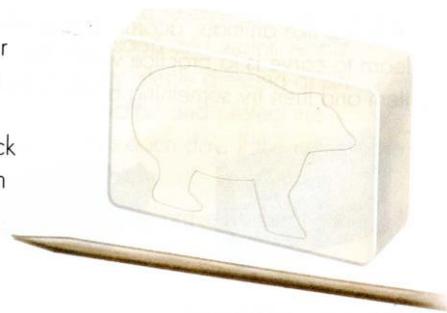
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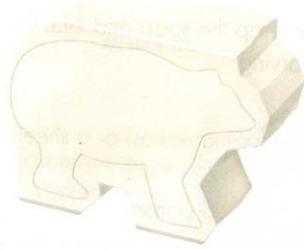
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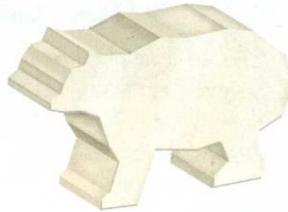
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4. Make your first rough cuts. Cut away small pieces and slices of the soap that are not part of your design. Do not cut big pieces; if you do, the soap might break. Leave a margin of about one-quarter inch outside your outline.

5. Shape the model. Continue carving so you get closer and closer to your outline. Keep turning the soap to work on all parts of your design. Do not try to finish one part before another. Pay special attention to high points and low points on the carving.



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Requirement 3 of Bear Claw Adventure

With a pocketknife, safely perform each of these tasks 1) Demonstrate how to cut through a piece of rope, twine or fishing line and 2) Open a sealed box without damaging the contents.

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May Week 2

Home Assignment – Webelos (those in the 4th grade)

First Responder Adventure, Requirement 6

Put together a simple home first-aid kit. Explain what you included and how to use each item correctly.

Every home and car should have a first-aid kit so that supplies will be there when you need them. (*Webelos Handbook*, pages 82-83)

Home First-Aid Kit

Here are some things you could include:

- Tweezers
- Box of latex-free bandages – different sizes
- Twelve each of 3-by-3 inch and 4-by-4 inch sterile pads
- Roll of 1-inch and roll of 2-inch latex-free adhesive tape
- Scissors; safety pins
- Two 1-inch roller bandages; two 2-inch roller bandages
- Three cravat, or triangular, bandages
- Two 17-inch splits of thin board
- Antibiotic ointment
- Calamine lotion
- Goggles, latex-free gloves
- Hand sanitizer

Car First-aid Kit

All of the above plus:

- Small flashlight and batteries
- Blanket

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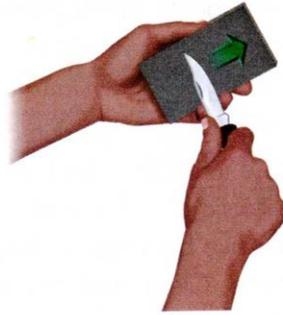
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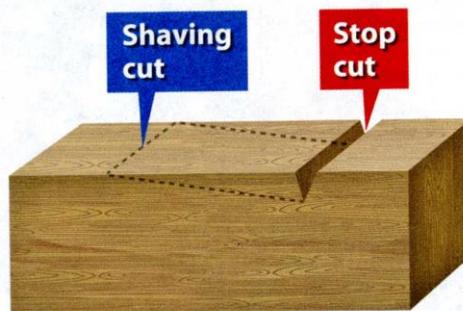
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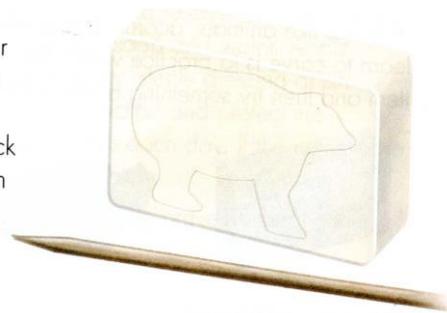
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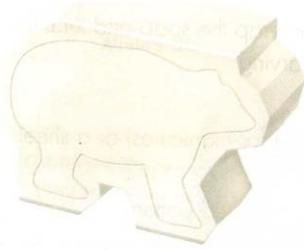
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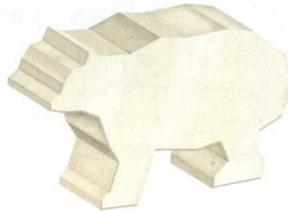
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