

## Emergency Preparedness Manuals from Scouting



As a Scout leader for a couple decades, I'm impressed with the emergency preparedness books that the Boy Scouts of America print for Scouting. I suggest you buy these 3 and store them in Ziplock plastic bags AFTER you read them:

1. **The Boy Scout Handbook, "A Guide to Adventure, a Guidebook for Life."** [ISBN #978-0-8395-3103-9] Contents include: Scoutcraft: Leadership, Citizenship, Fitness, First Aid, Aquatics; Woodcraft: Nature, Leave No Trace; and Campcraft: Hiking, Camping, Cooking, Navigation, Tools. It's at the basic "Boy Scout level." Are you past that?
2. **Fieldbook, "The BSA's manual of advanced skills for outdoor travel, adventure, and caring for the land."** [ISBN# 0-8395-3104-4] Contents include:
  - a. Leadership and Trek Preparation: Organizing for Adventures, Outdoor Leadership, Becoming Fit, Planning a Trek, Outdoor Menus, and Managing Risk.
  - b. Leaving No Trace: Implementing Leave No Trace, Using Stoves and Campfires, Hygiene and Waste Disposal, Traveling and Camping in Special Environments.
  - c. Trek Adventures: Gearing Up, Navigation, Cold-Weather Travel and Camping, Hot-Weather Travel and Camping, Backpacking, Watercraft Safety, Canoeing, Kayaking and Rafting, Sailing, Bicycle Touring and Mountain Biking, Riding and Packing, Ski Touring and Snowshoeing, Mountain Travel, Caving, Fishing, and Search and Rescue.
  - d. Appreciating Our Environment: Understanding Nature, Observing Nature, Examining the Earth, Monitoring Weather, Plants, Wildlife, Watching the Night Sky, and Being Good Stewards of Our Environment.
3. **2012 Boy Scout Requirements, "Merit Badge Requirements, pp. 22 - 226."** [ISBN# 0-8395-3104-4] Contents include nearly 120 merit badges. Do the requirements, and you have basic skills for the merit badge. Merit badges include: Archery, Backpacking, Camping, Canoeing, Cooking, Emergency Preparedness, Fire Safety, First Aid, Fishing, Gardening, Orienteering, Pioneering, Rifle Shooting, Shotgun Shooting, Swimming, Weather, Wilderness Survival, etc. Merit badge booklets on all are available at Boy Scout Councils.

These are among the most comprehensive and lowest-priced emergency preparedness manuals. You may purchase these publications and merit badge booklets from the Boy Scouts' Direct Mail Center, 1-800-323-0732, or at a BSA Council Office near you. Check your Yellow Pages under "Youth Organizations" or go to [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org) to find a Boy Scout council office or their "Scout Shop."