

# Safety Week

October 20-26, 2013



It starts with Scouts.

## Day 4 Camps and Outings Safety

We all know that Scouting should involve getting out of the meeting hall on a regular basis. Given most of us probably spend more time on outings than doing anything else in Scouting, it's worth thinking about how we can be as safe as possible while having a great time in the outdoors.



### BEAVER SCOUTS

#### Tips to share:

- Have your own flashlight with you at night on campouts. Don't rely on a friend's.
- Keep your things packed up or close together. Spreading your stuff all over might mean that you'll lose something you need. Worse, somebody could trip over your mess!
- Wear sunscreen.

#### Scouters Tip:

Having a meeting spot is important; always inform the youth where it is.

#### Resources and Program Ideas:

- Consult the [Program Builder](#) and consider the "Exploring an Icy Landscape" activity.

### CUB SCOUTS

#### Tips to share:

- In the spring and summer, be sure to wear mosquito repellent. Mosquitoes can carry West Nile Virus.
- Wear bright clothing on outings so that you're visible to the adults.
- Don't swim if you hear thunder or see lightning, even if a storm appears to be very far away. Alert others if you see lightning or hear thunder, and get them out of the water too.

#### Scouters Tip:

Perform a regular head count. Assign people in the group a number, and have them call theirs out when you sound off for a roll call.

#### Resources and Program Ideas:

- Learn how to safely filter water in a survival situation. Consult the [Program Builder](#) and consider the "Build a Solar Still" activity.
- Learn [how to react safely when encountering real wolves in the wild](#).



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## SCOUTS

### Tips to share:

- Be prepared with a small emergency kit, including first aid supplies, matches, tinder, a signal mirror and an emergency blanket.
- Be prepared with a knife, and remember how you were taught to safely use it.
- Don't eat any leaves or berries you're not sure about.

### Scouters Tip:

Ensure that everybody on a hike has a whistle. Bring extras for people who forget to bring their own.

### Resources and Program Ideas:

- Review [how to react safely when encountering bears in the wild](#).
- Practice [map](#) and [compass](#) skills to avoid getting lost.



## VENTURER SCOUTS

### Tips to share:

- Regularly locate yourself on a map.
- Bring your cellphone on outings—but have the discipline to treat it as a device for emergencies.
- Practice different methods for lighting fires. Be prepared for the challenge of wet tinder and wet matches.

### Scouters Tip:

Be sure the Company has an emergency kit on all outings. Ensure it's restocked after supplies are used.

### Resources and Program Ideas:

- Research the big and small, likely and unlikely hazards of the wilderness you're visiting. For instance, on [Vancouver Island](#).



## ROVER SCOUTS

### Tips to share:

- Track your route on a GPS.
- If possible, pack a satellite phone for remote excursions.
- Share an itinerary of your trip with friends and family who aren't coming along.

### Scouters Tip:

When winter camping, watch exposed skin for signs of frostbite. Have buddies check each other.

### Resources and Program Ideas:

- [Share your trip information in detail](#).

