



Non-Permit Knife Safety Program

Camp Counsellor Instructions

Summary:

The Program: Non-Permit Knife Safety

Section Specific?: Cubs Only

Program Time: 15 minutes – 1.5 hours

Location: Anywhere

Equipment:

1. Instruction Sheet
2. Knives (1/participant)
3. Ivory Soap Bars (1/participant)
4. First Aid Kit
5. 3 Tarps
6. Tape

Prep

1. Lay out tarps
2. Inspect knives for any major damage. Rust not included
3. Layout Soap

Activity Instructions:

1. Review how to hold the knife properly.
2. Explain rules to the youth.
3. Tell them to carve only a small amount at a time and to take their time.
4. Establish blood circles.
5. Hand out knives.
6. Hand out soap. Explain the soap carving activity.
7. Supervise Carving

Knife Safety Do:

1. Use a knife only once you have had training or have been shown how to use it safely.
2. Restrict the use of knives to their intended purpose only
3. Keep knives well maintained and sharp
4. Always use sharp knives as dull blades cause more accidents because they are harder to work with
5. Cut on a stable surface and sit or kneel down when you cut or carve
6. Store securely after use
7. Make sure you have plenty of space when cutting or carving and keep your distance from others
8. Handle with care when washing and cleaning after use and use protective equipment as required
9. Have a first aid kit nearby when using a knife
10. Pay attention and concentrate when using a knife
11. Choose the correct size knife and appropriate blade for the job
12. Keep fingers on top of the blade away from the sharp edge
13. Place your elbows on your knees when sitting down to cut or carve

Knife Safety Don't:

1. Use a knife until you have had training or been shown how to use it
2. Point a knife at anyone or carry an exposed blade from your Swiss Army Knife in public
3. Throw a knife as this may cause serious injury
4. Leave your knife out or unattended when not in use
5. Use a knife in poor light or when it is dark
6. Cut towards your hand when using a knife