



Whittling Session Agenda

Bear Shavings and Chips 19a,b,c,d

	Agenda Item	Required Matls	Time	Leader
LECTURE (25 MINS)	<p>I. Introduction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. We are here to learn about knife safety, and to work on the Bear achievement 19 – Shavings and Chips. For those that pay close attention and pass a test, you may earn your Whittling Chip. b. We are first going to learn how to treat and take care of your knife, then you will take a test on what you learned, and then you will be able to use your knife to whittle a bear. c. Who has a knife? Ask everyone to place folded knife in their pocket and not to take it out until told. 	First Aid Kit	2 min	
	<p>II. What is a Knife?</p> <p>A knife is a tool -- not a toy. It is not something to use during playtime. It is not something to use to threaten other people with. You only open your knife to help you complete a task. Knives come in many shapes and sizes, and some have other tools on them. For whittling, you only need the large blade on your knife.</p>	Variety of knives to show. Include lock blade and scissors.	2 mins	
	<p>III. Safety Rules</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Keep the blade clean and dry b. Never carry an open pocketknife. c. When you are not using your pocketknife, close it and put it away. d. When you are using the cutting blade, do not try to make big shavings or chips. Easy does it! e. Keep your knife sharpened – a sharp knife is safer than a dull one. f. Safe Zone: Before you open or use your knife, you need to be sure that the area around you is safe and secure. Establish a “safe zone” around you to protect yourself and other people and animals. g. Never bring a knife to a non-scout event. h. Never use a knife to pry something open. i. Never pass a knife across other people. j. Wait for ‘Thank you’ before letting go. k. Never carve in your lap or near your face. l. Never hammer the top of a knife to make a cut. 	Rule Chart Pass out Quizzes (but not pencils) Demonstrate Safe Zone and passing a knife	8 mins	
	<p>IV. How to open, hold, and close a knife</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Make sure knife is fully opened before use. b. Never use a knife on something that will dull or break it. c. Never use a knife to strip the bark from a tree. d. Do not carve your initials into anything that does not belong to you. e. Close the blade with the palm of your hand. 	Demonstrate opening, hold, closing	4 mins	
	<p>V. What to do if you drop your knife</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Never try to catch it – get out of the way!</p>	Demonstrate with plastic knife	1 mins	
	<p>VI. What to do in case of an accident?</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Place knife down, direct pressure, raise hand.</p>	Demonstrate with plastic knife	1 min	

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LECTURE	VII. Sharpening your knife a. Sharpening stone /whetstone b. Oil or water c. Usually 15 degree angle	Demonstrate with stone, oil, and knife.	6 mins	
	VIII. How to whittle a. Types of cuts b. Easy does it! – a little at a time c. Always cut away from you d. Know where your fingers and body are at all times. e. Do not “saw” using the knife	Types of Cuts Chart	3 mins	

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QUIZ AND PRACTICAL (40 MINS)	IX. Have all boys create Safety zone		1 min	
	X. Take Quiz a. Issue pencils so they can complete b. After 4 minutes, review answers. c. Ask them to write name on paper and ask den leaders to collect. (Provide answer key to den leaders)	Pencils	6 mins	
	XI. Pocket Knife Pledge a. Have boys stand, give Cub Scout sign, repeat–after–me pledge	Posters	2 mins	
	XII. Have boys take out knives, practice opening and closing.		2 mins	
	XIII. Bear relief carving a. Trace template onto soap using knife b. Use shaving cuts to make relief (using scout’s knife). c. Leader can walk around and have each scout do a few swipes on sharpening stone with their knife.	(pass out soap and templates at this time) Sharpening stone	25mins	
	XIV. Clean Up a. Pass out Whittling Chip Cards to Den Leaders b. Encourage leaders/parents to re-enforce safety lesson at next meeting.		4 mins	