

# Camp Tools: Knives / Axes / Saws

**BP&P Policies — Knives, Axes, Saws, Camp Stoves, Lanterns, and Other Camping Tools Standards:**

Youth are introduced to equipment with the appropriate safety knowledge and supervision. All members have the appropriate and necessary skills and experience to safely use the equipment. Tools will be used in the right place, at the right time, with the right tool for the right job, with the right training and skills, and the right supervision. Members will only use folding, lock-blade knives for program activities. The blade shall be 8.5 centimetres long or less. All other knives are not permitted in Scouting activities without the express approval of the Group Commissioner, as detailed and approved on the Outdoor Activity application form and with the appropriate risk management plan.

	<p><b>4.4</b> I can <b>use a knife safely</b> (<i>opening, closing, passing, cleaning, caring for</i>) and have earned my <b>knife permit</b>.</p>		<p><b>4.5</b> I can use basic camp tools safely.</p>
	<p><b>5.3</b> I know how to <b>use a camp axe</b> and camp folding or bow <b>saw</b> safely (<i>opening, closing, passing, cleaning, caring for, sharpening, cutting</i>) and have <b>obtained</b> the appropriate <b>permits</b> for these.</p>		<p><b>5.5</b> I can use, maintain and store tools safely at camp.</p>
	<p><b>6.3</b> Using a knife and axe, I have prepared a <b>10-person campfire</b> with <b>tinder, kindling</b> and fuel <b>logs</b> gathered from a forest floor. The fire burned for <b>5 hours</b> with all wood gathered before the fire was lit (no gathering additional fire wood once the fire is lit and burning). <b>6.10</b> From wood I have not harvested from a live source, I have <b>carved</b> and used my own hiking “Scout” <b>staff</b> on a trail hike.</p>		<p><b>6.6</b> I can demonstrate to others how to care for, store and maintain group gear for camp.</p>
	<p><b>8.3</b> I have <b>carved</b> cooking and eating <b>spoons</b> and a <b>bowl</b> with a knife/carving tools and wood.</p>		<p><b>7.6</b> I can teach another youth how to care for, store and maintain group gear needed for camps.</p>
	<p><b>9.3</b> I know all the safety techniques, operating procedures, personal protective equipment and hazard identification / defence for chainsaw use to both fell a tree and buck up downed wood.</p>		<p><b>8.5</b> I can make recommendations to improve group equipment for various camp types.</p>