

TROOP 285

SCOUTMASTER CONFERENCE

First Class

The First Class rank represents the mastering of basic Scout skills. The Scout will utilize these skills in the outdoors for the rest of his life. It is imperative that he knows how to use these skills by rote. In fact, he must know them so well that he can teach them to others. Be prepared to discuss the following with the Scoutmaster:

A. SCOUT SKILLS

1. Compass

Name the parts of a compass. Give the name and degrees of the four main directions. Explain how to take a bearing to a landmark. (pp. 361-366)

2. USGS Topographical Map

a. Give the name and purpose of the four essential items in the map legend. (Map)

b. Map Symbols

(1) Complete the Map Reading Quiz.

(2) What is the color and shape of the symbol for man-made objects? (p. 355)

(3) Draw the following symbols: (p. 355; Map)

Footbridge	Trail	School
Orchard	Church	Intermittent Stream

(4) What do the letters B.M. mean? (Map)

3. Plants

Name five of the ten native plants you identified. (pp. 206-215)

4. Knots

Tie the following knots: (pp. 382-390)

Square	Two Half Hitches	Clove Hitch
Bowline	Timber Hitch	Sheet Bend

5. First Aid
 - a. Describe the cause of shock. Tell how you would recognize it.
 - b. Describe the treatment for shock. (pp. 170-171)
6. Describe three things to avoid when using the internet. (p. 51)

B. SCOUT SPIRIT

1. Describe how you have demonstrated Scout Spirit in your patrol.
2. Describe your Community Service since earning the Second Class Rank.
3. Tell about your participation in your church or synagogue.

C. PATROL LEADER REVIEW

Your Patrol Leader will verify that you are proficient in the Basic Scout Skills after reviewing them with you.

Patrol Leader: _____

Scout: _____

Date: _____