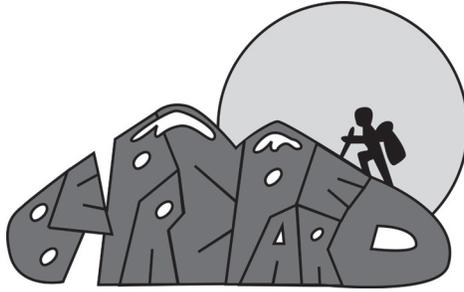


# The Coach's Quiz:



## Could you earn the Backpacking Merit Badge?

The answers to this test are taken straight from the Backpacking merit badge book.

- 1. To test to determine if hypothermia is a risk you:**
  - a. Take your temperature and make sure it is not below 90 degree.
  - b. Determine if you can walk heel-to-toe on a 30-foot line scratched into the ground?
  - c. Recite everyone's name that is hiking with you.
- 2. Which one of the following is not a sign of dehydration?**
  - a. headache
  - b. confusion
  - c. profuse sweating
  - d. fatigue
- 3. Which one of the following is not a designated role on a Varsity Scout backpacking trip?**
  - a. navigator
  - b. sweep
  - c. pacesetter
  - d. head chef
- 4. Heatstroke occurs when a person's core temperature rises higher than:**
  - a. 98° F
  - b. 101° F
  - c. 105° F
  - d. 108° F
- 5. Which snake color pattern is dangerous?**
  - a. Red on Yellow
  - b. Red on Black
- 6. In cold weather, grayish-white patches of skin indicate frostbite has already set in, or is it frostnip?**
- 7. In a thunderstorm, taking shelter in a steel framed building is your safest choice. True or False?**
- 8. You're Varsity Scout team is lost in the backcountry, you should...**
  - a. Stay put, make your team comfortable, and wait for rescue.
  - b. Hike south, anywhere in the lower 28; you're sure to cross a road within 10 miles.
  - c. Use thumbnail navigation. It will get you back to your last known location.
- 9. True or False? Mild electric shock (such as from a car battery) is an effective method of treating a snakebite.**
- 10. Leave No Trace guidelines say your dish washing site should be how many feet from streams, lakes, or rivers?**
  - a. 100
  - b. 200
  - c. 200 down from camp
  - d. 300

11. The difference between a true north line and the direction that a magnetic compass needle points is called \_\_\_\_\_?
12. Smellable items or things with an odor that could entice a bear to enter your tent include everything except:  
a. dried salmon b. gorp c. sunscreen d. dirty socks
13. The first thing to fail on a tent is usually the:  
a. zipper b. pole c. stake d. floor
14. When planning a rout, expect to travel no faster than:  
a. 10 miles per day b. the slowest hiker c. 2 miles per hour d. the Varsity Coach
15. In order to earn a Backpacking merit badge which of the following is not required?  
a. Demonstrate two ways to treat water and explain why this is essential  
b. Do a solo overnight camp  
c. Describe a good campsite  
d. Plan and go on a five-day, 30-mile backpacking trip
- 16 Consult a doctor if a tick has been in bedded in your skin longer than:  
a. one minute b. 12 hours c. 24 hours d. 3 days
17. The best way to assure your drinking water is safe is to:  
a. boil it b. drink only the water you brought from home c. filter it d. add iodine
18. For any trek, your pack should weigh no more than \_\_\_\_\_ percent of your body weight.
19. True or False?  
New studies show that bear spray, if applied to your clothes and backpack two hours before hiking, is the most effective way to ward off grizzlies.
20. A person suffering from heat exhaustion can take \_\_\_\_ hours to recover.  
a. 12-24 b. 24-48 c. 6-12

**SCORE:** Give yourself 1 point for each correct answer.

### **Scout's Honor**

5-9 points: Need to attend Varsity Scout Leader Training again.

10-15 points: Need to attend more Varsity Scout Huddles

15-20 points: Congratulations! You're ready for Wood Badge.

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### The Official and Undisputable Answers

1. B
2. C
3. D
4. C
5. A (Red & Yellow Kill a Fellow!, Red and Black Friend of Jack.)
6. Frostnip
7. True (The metal frame absorbs the charge and directs it into the ground. Metal roofs are an all together a different problem.)
8. A
9. False
10. B
11. Declination
12. D
13. A (After every few trips you should vacuum the zipper to remove dirt and debris.)
14. C
15. B
16. C
17. B. (It says so on Page 81!)
18. 25%
19. False
20. A