Scouting Trivia Questions

• How many Boy Scout ranks are there?  
  7

• What is the sixth point of the Scout Law?  
  Kind

• What is the nickname for Pennsylvania?  
  Keystone State

• Who founded Boy Scouting?  
  Lord Robert Baden Powell

• What kind of wood is used to start a fire?  
  Tinder

• Name four poisonous snakes found in the United States.  
  1) Rattlesnake  3) Cottonmouth Moccasin  
  2) Copperhead  4) Coral

• What knot is considered to be a rescue knot?  
  Bowline

• What are the 3 parts of the Scout Oath?  
  1) Duty to God and Country  2) Duty to Others  3) Duty to Self

• What direction is 315 degrees on a compass?  
  Northwest

• When hiking on a road or heavily traveled area, how should a group of Scouts be walking?  
  Single file

• What should you do if your clothes catch on fire?  
  Stop, drop, and roll

• What does it mean when someone says a tree is deciduous?  
  It loses its leaves every year

• What should be showing when the American flag is folded properly?  
  Stars and blue background

• What does the knot symbolize on the Boy Scout emblem?  
  To remember to do a good turn daily

• What type of rope is best to fuse rather than whip?  
  Plastic or nylon

• Who invented Morse code?  
  Samuel Morse

• What 2 knots are used on a tent staked to the ground?
Taut-line hitch and 2 half hitches

- What splice is used to make a loop?  
  Eye splice

- If you are on a hike and become lost, name one thing you should do.  
  Stay in one place, do not go looking for anyone

- What is the best way to cook a foil pack?  
  On a bed of hot coals (not in the flames)

- Which hand do you use for the Scout handshake and why?  
  Left hand, because it is closest to your heart

- Where does the field of stars for the American Flag go when hung on a wall?  
  Upper left

- Who brought Scouting to America?  
  William D. Boyce

- What knot is used to start a diagonal lashing?  
  Timber hitch

- What is the National Mammal?  
  Bison

- On a compass, how many degrees is Southwest?  
  225

- What is the Morning Grace?  
  Gracious Giver of all good, thee we thank for rest and food. Grant that all we do this day, in thy service be this day

- What is used for the treatment of blisters?  
  Moleskin

- Which merit badge has a totem pole on a blue background?  
  Wood Carving

- Name the 3 BSA swimming classifications.  
  1) Non-swimmer 2) Beginner 3) Swimmer

- What are the 4 steps for attempting a water rescue?  
  Reach, throw, row, go

- In the name Washington, D.C., what does the “D.C.” stand for?  
  District of Columbia

- What is the fourth point of the Scout Law?  
  Friendly

- What do you usually place under the ground cloth of your tent when camping in winter?
Straw or hay

- 3 clumps of grass, 3 rocks piled on top of each other, or 3 stakes found on a trail are signs for what? Danger
- After extinguishing a campfire, what do you place over the area before you leave? A cross with two sticks over the spot of the fire
- What do you call the area where one chops and/or saws wood? Axe yard
- What is the Noontime Grace? Father for this noonday meal, we would speak the praise we feel. Health and strength we have from thee, help us lord to faithful be
- What color on the American Flag is associated with vigilance, justice, and perseverance? Blue
- What is the third point of the outdoor code? Be considerate in the outdoors
- What is a sheet bend used for? Joining two ropes of different sizes together
- What is the 49th state? Alaska
- What year did Scouting come to America? 1910
- How many white stripes are on the American Flag? 6
- What do the letters PFD stand for? Personal flotation device
- What are two ways to stop severe bleeding? Direct pressure and pressure points
- How do you orient a map? Place a compass on the map and rotate the map until the compass printed on the map is aligned with magnetic north
- How many stars are in Orion’s Belt? 3
- When hiking along a street or road, what direction do you face? Facing traffic
- What is the ninth point of the Scout Law? Thrifty
- Describe poison ivy?
How many entrances should there be to an axe yard?
None

What is the capital of Pennsylvania?
Harrisburg

Name the 5 Hurry Cases?
1) No pulse
2) No breathing
3) Severe bleeding
4) Choking
5) Poisoning

What is the Evening Grace?
Tireless Guardian on our way, thou has kept us well this day. While we thank thee we request, care continued pardon rest

What do the two stars on the Scout badge symbolize?
Truth and Knowledge

How many red stripes are on the American Flag?
7

When is Flag Day?
June 14

What is the purpose of a sheep shank?
To shorten a rope

What is the only award earned in Cub Scouting that is allowed to be worn on a Boy Scout uniform?
Arrow of Light

Who was the only bachelor president?
James Buchanan

Name 3 types of splices.
1) Eye
2) Long
3) Short
4) Back or end

What is another name for an evergreen tree?
Conifer

When handing off an ax or bow, what should your partner say?
“I got/have it” or “Thank you”

In 1776, who did the United States declare independence from?
Great Britain

What does the color white on the American flag represent?
Purity and innocence

What is the Pennsylvania state animal?
White-tailed deer

- The needle on a compass will always point toward what?
  Magnetic north

- When riding a bike on a road, which direction do you go?
  With traffic

- Name 3 types of fires.
  1) Scout’s fire  
  2) Hunter’s fire  
  3) Rock fire
  4) Trench fire  
  5) Teepee fire  
  6) Council fire
  7) Backlog fire  
  8) Reflecting fire  
  9) Log Cabin fire
  10) Lean-to fire  
  11) Crisscross fire

- What is the second point of the Outdoor Code?
  Be careful with fire

- How many Eagle required merit badges must you earn for Eagle?
  12

- Describe one way to protect your food from being eaten by animals on a campout or backpacking trip?
  Put the food in a sack or trash bag and hoist it above the reach of the animal

- Name 5 youth leadership positions?
  1) Senior Patrol Leader  
  2) Assistant Senior Patrol Leader  
  3) Patrol Leader  
  4) Assistant Patrol Leader  
  5) Instructor
  6) Troop Guide  
  7) Quartermaster  
  8) Den Chief  
  9) Bugler
  10) Junior Assistant Scoutmaster  
  11) Troop Historian  
  12) Chaplain Aide
  13) Troop Scribe  
  14) Librarian

- Who was the first Chief Scout Executive of Boy Scouts?
  James E. West

- The North Star is located in which constellation?
  Ursa Minor or the Little Dipper

- Name 4 parts of an axe
  1) Heel  
  2) Bit  
  3) Toe  
  4) Blade  
  5) Face  
  6) Head
  7) Butt / Poll  
  8) Shoulder
  9) Handle

- What is the Bill of Rights?
  The First Ten Amendments of the Constitution

- What are 3 reasons to stop CPR?
  1) Exhaustion  
  2) Patient recovers  
  3) Help Arrives

- In sea terms, what is the right side of a boat called?
  Starboard
• What does C.O.P.E. stand for?
  Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience

• On a map, what is represented by the color white?
  Areas clear of trees: Open areas, fields, meadows, pastures, etc.

• What are 3 signs of a fracture?
  1) Point tenderness          4) Grating sound or feeling
  2) Swelling                 5) Inability to move the injured limb
  3) Abnormal shape           6) Hear bone snap

• What constellation is shaped like a “W”?
  Cassiopeia

• In what state is Philmont Scout Ranch located?
  New Mexico

• Which merit badge has a silver cross on a red background?
  First Aid

• What award is given for earning the Environmental Science, Citizenship in the World, and the Soil and Water Conservation or Fish and Wildlife Management merit badges?
  World Conservation Award

• What color are poison sumac berries?
  White

• When using a knife, what is the minimum distance you should be from anyone else?
  Arms length

• Which is bigger - Region or Council?
  Region

• What merit badge must be earned in order for a scout to attain the rank of Eagle Scout as of April 1, 1999?
  Personal Fitness

• What war did Lord Robert Baden Powell fight in?
  Boer War

• What is the motto that appears on all United States currency?
  “In God we trust”

• What is the last step in cleaning cooking and eating utensils?
  Sterilize

• On a map, what is the symbol for telephone lines?
  Single dashed line

• In sea terms, what is the back of a boat called?
What does F.O.S. stand for?
Friends of Scouting

Name 3 types of clouds.
1) Cirrus  
2) Cirro stratus  
3) Cirro cumulus
4) Alto cumulus  
5) Alto stratus  
6) Strato cumulus
7) Nimbus  
8) Cumulus  
9) Cumulo-nimbus  
10) Stratus

In First Aid, what does RICE stand for and when is it used?
Rest, Ice, Compression, Elevation; Used in strains and sprains

What color does brown symbolize on a map?
Sand area or sand dunes

Which side of your uniform does the Minsi Trails Council strip go on?
Left

When is the next National Scout Jamboree?
2001

What are the ABCs of CPR?
1) Airway  
2) Breathing  
3) Circulation

What are the five possible warning signs of a heart attack?
1) Chest pain  
2) Shortness of breath  
3) Nausea  
4) Sweating  
5) Weakness

What is the map symbol for an unimproved dirt road?
Double dashed line

During which war was the National Anthem written by Francis Scott Key?
War of 1812

Who was the Honorary Chief Scout Executive of Boy Scouts of America in 1965?
Lyndon B. Johnson

Where did the Boer war take place?
South Africa

What is the exact date Scouting was founded in the United States?
February 8, 1910

Who was the first Chief Scout? Hint: Not the first Chief Scout Executive.
Ernest Thompson Seton

How many stripes did the Star-spangled Banner have on it?
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During a major battle of the War of 1812, what United States fort were the British attacking?
Fort McHenry
• State the Preamble to the Constitution of the United States.
   We the People, of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

• What does the 2nd Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantee?
The right to bear Arms

• What does the 5th Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantee?
Freedom from self-incrimination and/or the right not to testify against yourself

• Name 6 Eagle required merit badges. You may only include 1 of the “Citizenship” merit badges.
   1) First Aid
   2) Citizenship in the Community
   3) Citizenship in the Nation
   4) Citizenship in the World
   5) Communications
   6) Personal Fitness
   7) Emergency Preparedness
   8) Lifesaving
   9) Environmental Science
   10) Personal Management
   11) Swimming
   12) Hiking
   13) Cycling
   14) Camping
   15) Family Life

• Which merit badge has the Statue of Liberty on a red, white, and blue background?
   American Heritage

• What are the 5 “W’s” of hiking?
   1) Where
   2) When
   3) Who
   4) Why
   5) What

• What is the name of the game that Baden Powell used to teach Scouts to be observant?
   Kim’s Game

• Name the 9 planets in the solar system in order?
   1) Mercury
   2) Venus
   3) Earth
   4) Mars
   5) Jupiter
   6) Saturn
   7) Uranus
   8) Neptune
   9) Pluto

• Which president said, “Ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country”?
   John F. Kennedy