



Outdoor Service Guides WHITTTLER AWARD



GUIDE



Upon satisfactory completion of these requirements in the presence of a Leader, a Scout may be issued a Whittler Award card showing that they are permitted to carry and use a knife during scouting activities.

Failure to live up to any of these requirements may result in the Whittler Award card being revoked.

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Awarded to:

For the successful demonstration of the safe and proper use, carry, care, and storage of a knife.
By signing the back of this card, the Scout agrees to live by the Whittler Award pledge.

Leader's Signature

Hey Timberwolf, Here's What You Need to Know & Show!



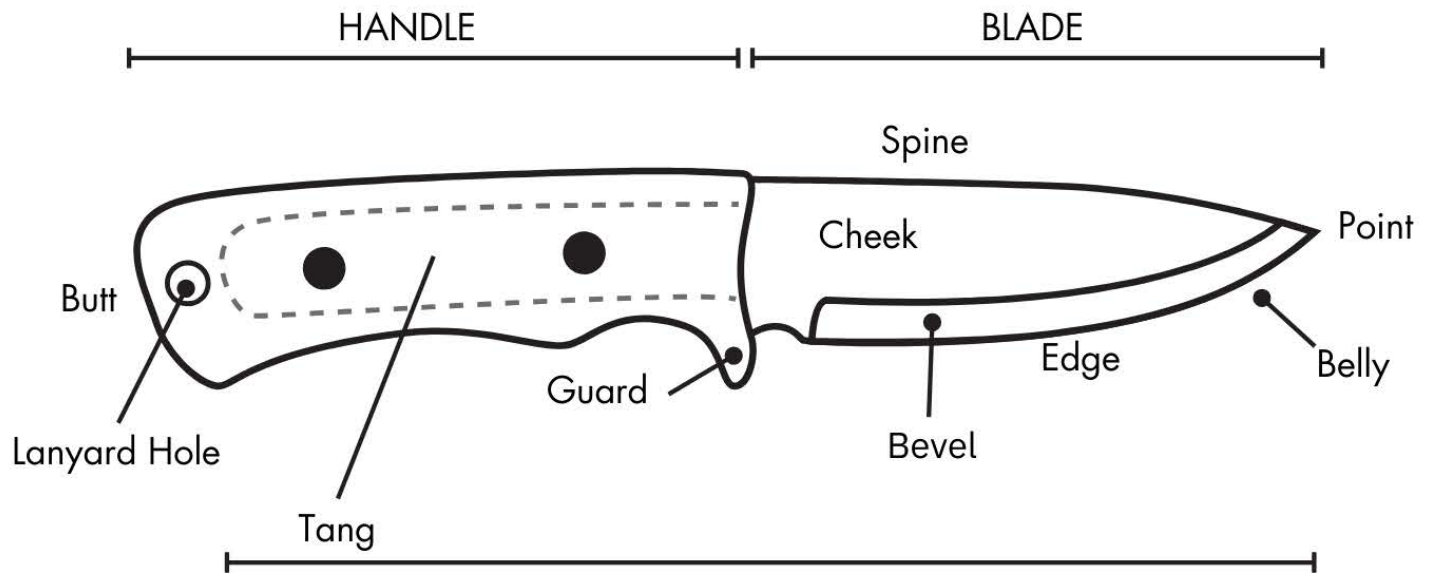
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REQUIREMENTS

- 1 Explain the safety rules for handling a knife.**
Know how to check your work area for hazards, examine your knife before use for damage or defects, check your radius, safely open and close your knife, and hold it properly while cutting or carving.
- 2 Demonstrate your ability to use a knife to make a carving.**
With a leader or other adult present, carve something in wood or soap using only your knife. Examples include a fuzz (feather) stick, tent stake, or basic wood carving.
- 3 Explain the proper care of a knife.**
Show how to sharpen a knife, and explain why it is important to keep your knife sharp, clean, and dry.
- 4 Demonstrate how to pass a knife to another person.**
Make sure that the person you are giving the knife to has a firm grip on it before you let go of it.
- 5 Explain what it means to be a guardian of the woods or backcountry.**
Explain the importance of being a Scout who protects and respects nature and does no intentional harm to trees.

Name Parts of a Knife

Knowing what to call things is an important part of any proficiency. Study the diagram below and compare with your own knife (carefully and with permission please!).



Demonstrate Knife Skills

To earn your Whittler award you need to show that you have good skills AND safety practices.

A. *Craft a Feather Stick with your knife.*

Feather Sticks are a handy tool for fire starting. The important part is to create thin curls that catch fire quickly and easily. It can be hard not to cut too deep, making what some call "shark gills" and not accidentally cutting off the curls. The angle and force you use are super important. Try sliding your knife as you cut, like you would a tomato or bread, to get nice smooth shaving action!



B. *Craft a Tent Stake using appropriate Woods Tools.*

Making a tent stake shows that you know how to shape wood with your knife, and cut deep to make the notch. Remember that you are making a stake, not a spear, so be sure the point is solid and strong. If you carve a skinny point on the end and then try to hammer it into the ground, you know what will happen...SNAP, whoops!



S.H.A.R.P. can help you remember!

S

SAFE

- Clear work area appropriate for the size and nature of your tool and work area.
- Blood circle established for carving.
- Background hazards monitored/eliminated
- Wear proper protective gear

H

HANDLING

- Keep fingers out of blade/cutting area
- Pass knives properly when open/unsheathed. Closed or sheathed is best.
- Sheath/close knives before standing
- Carry tools in a safe manner

A

AWARE

- Examine tools before use
- Clean tools after use
- Sharpen edges and teeth when needed
- Store properly in sheath or case
- Dress axe face for protection/safety

R

RESPONSIBLE

- Appropriate time and place
- Permission granted
- Never damage a tree
- Only carve what is yours

P

PURPOSE

- Know your goal
- Have a reason to use knives and tools; they are not toys

Label the parts of this knife:

