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Good Practice/Rules

During the knife safety discussion the following points should be mentioned

- At the briefing general good behaviour rules and consequences will be explained. (Mess around with a knife in your hand and you will have the knife confiscated and you will be sent home)
- The knife is a tool not a weapon (see construction projects)
- Use only one tool at a time
- When using the knife be aware of others around you
- Sit down when whittling and always whittle and cut away from you
- Always try to put the whittled end of the stick onto something solid (e.g. the ground or log.
- Don't use your penknife in poor light (because you might hold it the wrong way round - it might fold up on you)
- Keep the blade away from your fingers
- Always close the penknife when passing to another person
- Always wear your gloves
- Report all accidents
- When you are not using your penknife, fold it up and put it back in the pouch on your belt.

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Construction Projects

Gadgets

Reflector fire
Wood store
Spit
Candles
Skewer supports

Utensils

Stick skewer
Knife
Fork
Spoon
Forked stick grill
Hammer
Hole Punch

Scouts should demonstrate their skills by making some of these projects.

Knife Care

Basic care

- Open all tools, then clean with hot water and a tooth brush
- Dry
- Lubricate and protect with thin oil

Sharpening stones

- Wet stones
- Diamond blocks
- Oil stones

How to sharpen a blade

- Hold your blade at an angle of approximately 20° to the stone or block
- Try to push a thin slice off the top of the stone
- Turn your blade over
- Take the same number of strokes on each side of the blade

DEMONSTRATION OF BLADE SHARPENING

A separate request must be made to the responsible Scout Leader or Camp Leader before bringing a penknife on other Scouting activities.