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Boy Scouts fill sandbags to hold back the flood waters.

BOY SCOUTS TO THE RESCUE!

Home Secretary Welcomes Boy Scouts

Boy Scouts from the Colonial District have come to Gilwellia to help restore services and rescue our people who have suffered from the recent storms and earthquake. They have brought their skills, hands and hearts to help our people.

Red Crystal Joins Red Cross and Red Crescent as Symbols of Disaster Relief

In many parts of the world the familiar Red Cross and Red Crescent are viewed as religious symbols. This has reduced their ability to provide needed disaster relief in the critical early days when help is most needed. Even displaying both symbols, side by side, has not reduced the concerns of religious fundamentalists who see any emblem with religious overtones as a threat to their beliefs. To overcome this obstacle, the International Congress of the Red Cross and Red Crescent have authorized the use of the Red Crystal.

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LOST IN THE MINE

SCENARIO:

Extraction mining is the process of digging minerals out of the ground, usually for commercial purposes. Small scale mining, that is, mining not done by large, international corporations, especially in the Third World, is done much the same way it has been done for the past 150 years. The first thoughts of safety were brought on by the expense of re-opening a mine and not for the health or safety of the miners. Nonetheless, early 19th century mines did offer timbers to hold up the walls and a system of branching tunnels that allowed miners to find their way out, even in the dark.

Our mine works on the same scheme, with tunnels that branch in such a way that they form an angle that points to the way out. In other words, tunnels do not branch at right angles. Where a rail system is installed to carry mined material out of the mine, it is especially easy to follow the tracks and let the tracks show you the angles that point out of the mine.

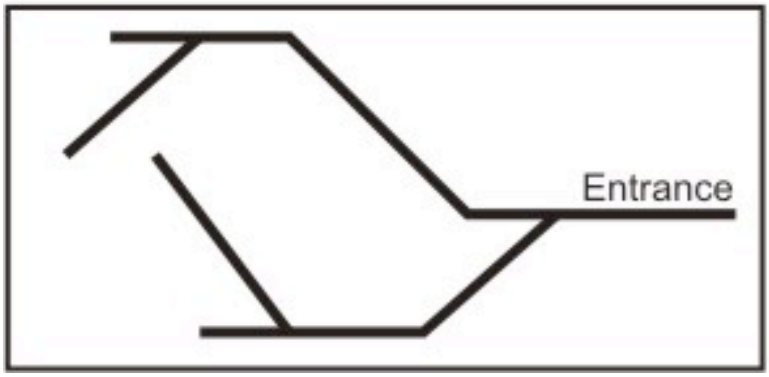
In the photo on the right the tracks point to an exit behind the photographer.

Cave-in was not the only danger to miners. Sometimes they would dig into pockets of water, underground streams or the bottoms of lakes and be drowned before they could get out.

But the miner's greatest fear is poison gas. When they would hit a pocket of poison gas they usually could not smell it because of all the other odors in a mine. They discovered that small birds would detect the gas before people and would die before the larger and more hardy people. But, once you saw the dead bird, you knew you must get out quickly, and so it is in our mine.

WHAT TO BRING!

To simulate the limited visibility inside a darkened mine, with only a miner's lamp for light, each Scout will enter our mine maze with a ***PAPER*** grocery bag over his head. For obvious reasons, we will not use plastic grocery bags. Each Scout must bring a paper grocery bag to take part in this event.



THE WELL-PREPARED PATROL

When you arrive at our mine you will see a series of stakes driven into the ground and connected by plastic construction site tape, in a pattern similar to the one on the lower left. The job of the Patrol is to enter the mine, find the lost miner and help him out of the mine. This must be done before the poison gases are encountered. To find the lost miner the Patrol must search all the branches of the mine. The Patrol Leader must decide ahead of time how to handle a branch when he comes to it. He will have a few minutes to study the actual mine layout and make some decisions before the bags go over heads and the Patrol enters the mine. A duck will quack to let the Patrol know that the air is still safe. When the duck stops quacking the poison gas is present and the Patrol must save itself.

THE LOST HUNTERS

SCENARIO:

Remote villages in Third World countries live on local fruits and vegetables, domesticated animals, fishing and hunting. In our rescue event the hunters went into the forest to hunt and are overdue to return to the village. They have left trail signs, just like the ones in your Scout Handbook. The Patrol must follow the trail signs and bring the hunters back to the village, along with any game

Use the flash cards below to learn your trail signs and to test your memory of them. You can study them in your Scout Handbook, too.

The trail will have other rocks and sticks along the way, so you must know these signs well enough to not be led astray by dead fall (sticks that have fallen off of nearby trees) or a random piles of rocks.

A native guide will accompany you to help keep you on the path.

TRAIL SIGN FLASH CARDS

TURN LEFT	STRAIGHT AHEAD	TURN RIGHT	NOT THIS WAY	DANGER!
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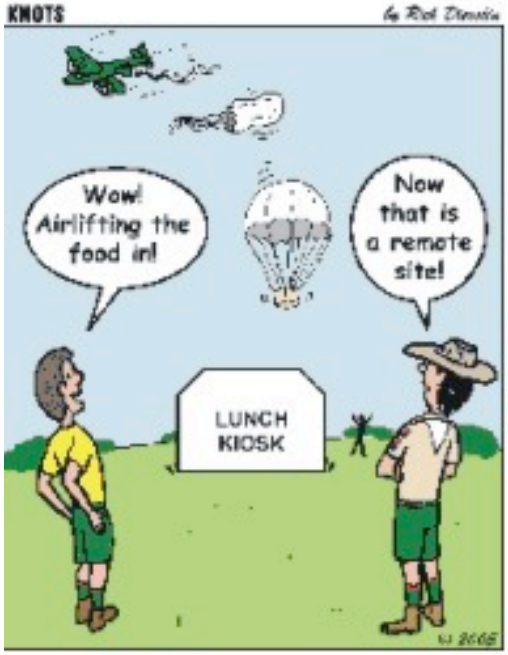
GO A SHORT DISTANCE IN THE INDICATED DIRECTION	GO A LONG DISTANCE IN THE INDICATED DIRECTION	FIND A HIDDEN MESSAGE 7 PACES IN THE INDICATED DIRECTION	I HAVE GONE HOME	TROOP 1519 ENGINEERING SERVICE

CUT OUT AND GLUE ON CARDBOARD FOR A SET OF FLASH CARDS

A SCOUT IS CHEERFUL!

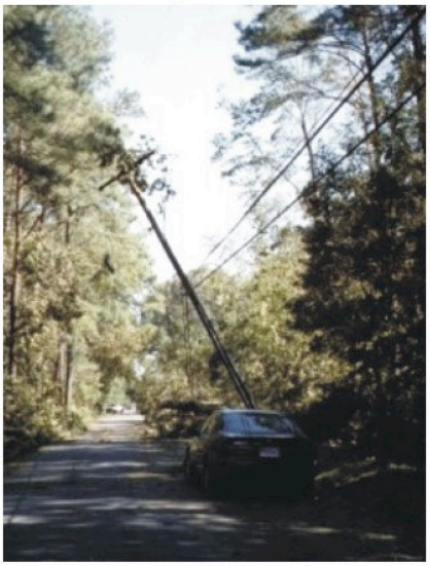
PUT IT BACK AND GO COLLECT SOME PROPER FIREWOOD!



TRAVELING IN STYLE

ALWAYS BE SAFE WITH FIRE

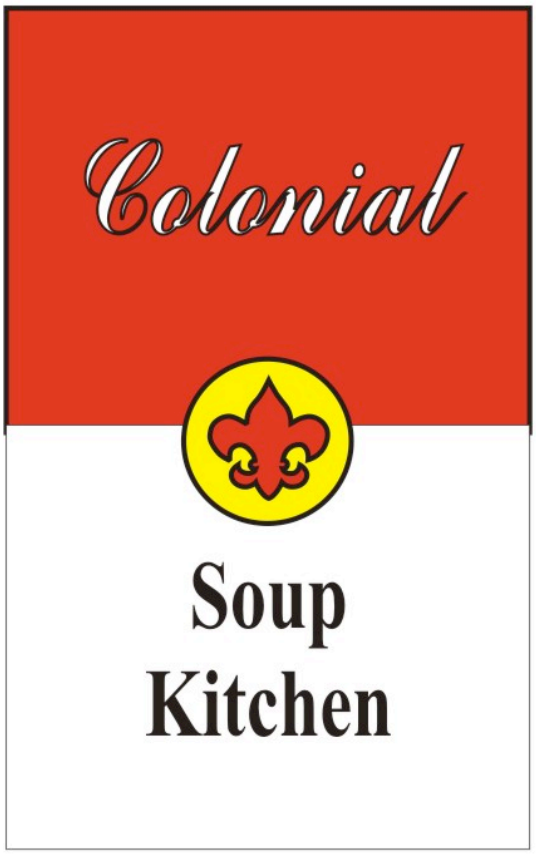
Disrupted Communications Disrupt Rescue



The first and most important service to restore after a disaster is communications. Thailand and Indonesia had their entire communications infrastructure destroyed by the Earthquake and Tsunami of Christmas, 2004. The United Nations and United States Department of Defense brought in communications equipment and electric generators to restore communications with the outside world.

You get to set up radio equipment, the aneannas and portable electric generating equipment to communicate with the outside world. You select the first messages to be sent to coordinate the relief activities. When you complete the set up of the radio equipment you will attempt to make contact with the outside world. Your exchange will be the information necessary for the person yo contact to send an acknowledgment of your contact to Venture Crew 80.

JOIN THE WHOLE CAMP FOR SATURDAY LUNCH!



Rescuers are too busy to cook their own meals, and either the villagers or one of the relief agencies will establish a soup kitchen as a place for the rescuers to rest and have a meal. Our rescue operation will do the same. The lunch will be served in an open soup kitchen not unlike those found in real disaster rescue scenes around the world. Trestle tables, Styrofoam cups, plastic spoons and lots of soup are the recipe for a quick and hardy meal break from rescue activities.

The Red Crystal

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The International Congress re-affirmed the seven Fundamental Principles under which they operate. These principles are; humanity, an impartiality, independence, neutrality, voluntary service, unity and universality. The people viewing the cross or crescent as essentially religious in nature do not view the agency as impartial or neutral, in regions where religious strife is part of the disaster.

After years of research and consultation the red diamond, which the International Congress calls the Crystal, was adopted as a symbol to mark Red Cross and Red Crescent activities where such sensitivities exist. This symbol joins the cross and crescent on our camporee patch and the fleur dis lis as marking agencies that stand ready to help in time of need.

The most important trait of the International Congresses agencies is their readiness to move into a disaster area and begin work immediately. In other words, to Be Prepared.

In a world with increasing isolation, tension and recourse to violence, it is clear that the Red Cross Red Crescent must champion the individual and community values which encourage respect for other human beings and a willingness to work together to find solutions to community problems. They define their two main roles this way.

Disaster preparedness: Reducing the impact of disasters, predicting and even preventing disasters occurring, is central to the work of the International Federation and its member Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies around the world. This includes disaster risk reduction.

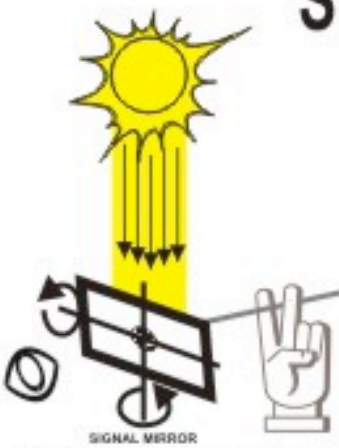
Disaster response: Responding to disasters with relief aid and support is one of the most important activities of the International Federation and its Red Cross Red Crescent National Society members.

Medics Without Boundaries Now Without Aircraft

In the course of disaster recovery, many humanitarian groups will put their plans in motion. Most call for the use of aircraft to quickly move supplies and help, primarily doctors and nurses, to remote areas. In this event, you must find a crashed relief flight, aid the crew, if they are still alive, and recover the vital medical supplies they were carrying.

You are asked to signal a circling search plane when you find the crash site and ask them to drop any medical equipment you might need to tend to the pilots of the crashed aircraft.

SIGNALING WITH A MIRROR

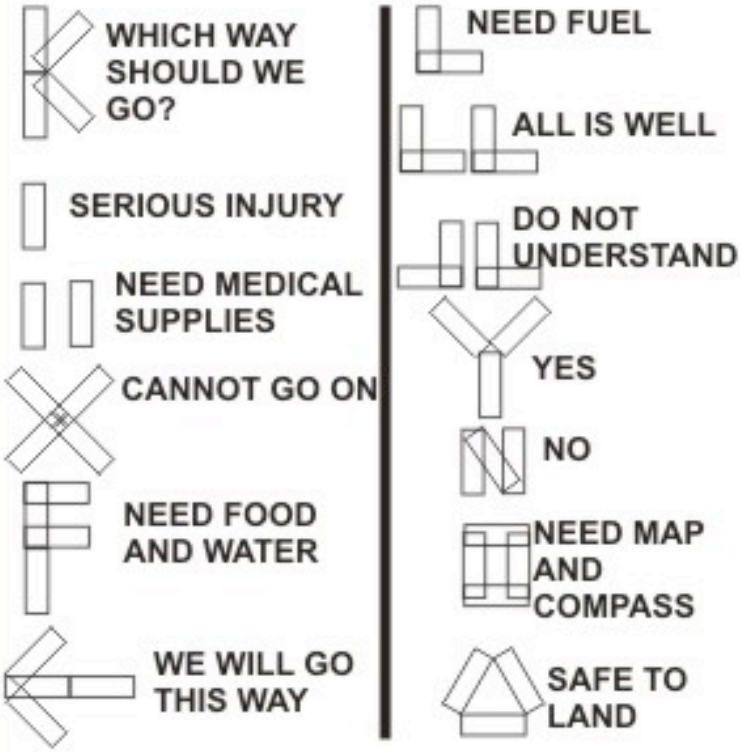


Hold the mirror by the top and bottom edges, with the right hand. Make a "Victory" sign with your left hand. Look through the hole in the mirror and between the victory fingers at the thing you wish to signal to. Move the mirror up and down, side to side until you can get reflected sunlight to flash on your left hand. If you can still see your target, they are seeing flashes of light from your mirror. You can make long and short flashes to send a message.

Before you arrived, the towns people and the pilot flying overhead agreed on the following signals. Use them to send your message, if there is enough light.

SIGNALLING WITH PANELS

You may use signal panels, large strips of cloth, to make standard messages for aircraft to see. You can also use piles of sticks or rocks, or you can disturb the soil if there is no ground cover, exposing a different color. As the soil dries out, however, it will look more and more like the regular ground.



These are internationally recognized panel signals. If the pilot understands your message he will rock the wings of his aircraft.

SIX REGULATION SIGNAL PANELS WILL BE PROVIDED

CUT OUT THESE TWO SIGNAL LISTS AND PUT THEM IN A SANDWICH BAGGY TO KEEP THEM DRY. BRING THEM WITH YOU.

CRASH HAS BEEN FOUND	● ● ● ●	HALF OF SUPPLIES LOST	● ● ●
CREW OK	▬ ● ▬ ●	ALL OF SUPPLIES LOST	▬ ▬ ▬
CREW INJURED	▬ ▬ ▬ ▬	WILL RETURN IN 1 HOUR	▬ ●
NEED SPLINTS	● ▬ ▬	WILL RETURN IN 2 HOURS	● ▬
NEED BACKBOARD	● ● ▬ ▬	UNDERSTAND	● ● ● ● ● ●
SUPPLIES OK	▬ ▬ ●	DO NOT UNDERSTAND	● ● ● ● ● ●

EXTRA CREDIT EVENTS

Didn't do well in the mine event? Poison gas get your Patrol before you could get out? Well, here's your chance for a comeback! These events are fun, can be taken at any time, and make a great way to fill the time between the main events. They also are built around basic Scouting and life skills. Join us at the MIDWAY for lots of fun and for some recognition of other skills.

CSI, LORTON

The crime was committed this morning. We have five suspects. Each was at the scene of the crime, but only the first to arrive could have committed it.

They do not realize that they all crossed the same piece of soft ground getting to the crime scene. Their foot and tire marks are still there to see.

MAP SYMBOL BASEBALL

Land forms have some really neat names. Do you know what a "saddle" is? You have certainly seen one. What do the contour lines show? What would the contour lines of a steep slope look like?

Can't get around a topographic map without some knowledge of how things are identified.

SCOUT JEOPARDY

PICK A CATEGORY AND TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE!

How well do you know Knots? Or Scouting History? Who were the founding Scouters? Can you identify all the Scouting Insignia? How about the Merit Badges? Can you name the Creeds that form the philosophy of Scouting? Try your luck at SCOUT JEOPARDY!

WHAT KNOT? TREE

Identify it, tie it, and tell when it is used to get the maximum credit from this event.

Beware, though, there are more than just knots here. Brush up on your lashings and hitches, too.

And there might just be something there that is not a knot at all.

KIM'S GAME

Are you good a remembering what you see? If so, then Kim's Game is for you. You can play as individual Scout, a Scout and his buddy, and as a Patrol.

You will view a collection of objects for a period of time, and then try to identify what you have seen.

Can you remember how they were arranged? That is extra credit!

FIRST AID BASEBALL

Do you know the first aid hurry cases? This game allows you to answer first aid questions while "at bat" and take the appropriate base when your answer comes up correct. Singles, doubles and triples are possible, and your fellow Patrol members can bring you in to score a run.