

## Handbook Contents (by Edition)

**Key:**

+ = topic present; o = topic not present;  
E = topic found in early printings only; L = topic found in later printings only

EDITION	Or.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>Handbook Contents</b>													
Arrangement of Contents <i>(S=by subject; R=by rank)</i>	S	S	S	R	R	S	R	R	S	S	S	RS	S
Contains commercial advertising	o	+	+	+	+	+	E	o	L	o	o	o	o
Has index	o	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>General Scouting Information</b>													
How to become a Scout	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Requirements for all ranks	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Scout Oath, Law, Motto	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Scout Slogan	o	o	o	o	o	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Scout Sign & Salute	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Scout Handclasp <i>(Int.=international; 3=BSA 3-finger)</i>	Int.	o	3	3	3	3	3	3	Int.	Int.	Int.	Int.	Int.
When to wear uniform	o	o	L	+	+	+	+	+	o	+	+	+	o
How to wear neckerchief	+	o	o	L	+	o	+	+	o	+	+	+	+
Patrol info. (name, call, etc)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Duties of troop leaders	+	o	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	o
History of Scouting	o	o	o	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<u>Description of other BSA programs:</u>													
Sr Scouting/Exploring/Venturing	o	o	o	o	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Varsity/Venture Scouting	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	+	+
Sea Scouting/Sea Exploring	+	o	+	+	+	E	o	o	o	o	o	+	o
Lone Scouting; others	o	o	L	+	+	o	o	o	o	o	+	+	o
List of official BSA equipment	o	+	o	L	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
<b>Scout Skills</b>													
Knife & axe	o	o	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
How to fell a tree	o	o	+	+	+	+	+	o	o	o	o	o	o
Fire building	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Making a fire without matches	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	o	+	+	o	o
Camping & cooking	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Cooking without utensils	o	o	o	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	o	+
First aid	o	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Mapping	o	o	L	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Compass	o	o	o	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Finding directions by sun/moon/stars	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	o	+	+	+	+
Determining latitude	+	+	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Lost in the woods	+	+	+	o	+	+	+	+	o	+	+	+	+
Tracking/trailing	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	o	+	+	+	+
Hiking	o	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Backpacking	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	+	+	o
Measuring heights & distances	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	o	o	+	+	+	+
Swimming	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rowing, canoeing, sailing, etc	+	+	+	o	o	o	+	+	o	+	+	+	o
Handicrafts	o	o	o	+	+	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
How to make a tent	+	+	+	+	+	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Use of camp stove	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	+	+

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<b>Signaling</b>													
American Morse	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
International Morse	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	0
Semaphore	+	+	+	+	+	+	L	+	0	+	+	0	0
Scout silent signals	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	0
Indian signs	+	0	0	+	E	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0
Manual alphabet for the deaf	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	0
Others	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	0
<b>Conservation/Nature</b>													
Conservation/ecology/environment	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Stars	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	+
Weather	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	+
Edible wild plants	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	0
Poison plants	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Wildlife/plant habitats	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0
Trees	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+
Other plants/flowers	0	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+
Poisonous snakes	0	+	+	+	+	0	L	+	+	+	+	0	+
Other animals	0	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+
<b>Rope work</b>													
Standard 5 knots <i>(square knot, sheet bend, bowline, clove hitch, two half hitches)</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Taut line hitch	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Timber hitch	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+
Other knots	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	+
Lashings	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+
Splicing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	0
<b>Miscellaneous</b>													
Citizenship, flag courtesy & history	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>Drugs:</b>													
Coffee/ tea/caffeinated drinks	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	+	+
Alcohol & tobacco	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Other drugs	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>Physical fitness &amp; health</b>													
Puberty	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+
Sex	0	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+
Ethnic groups discussion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+
Awards/recognitions (not ranks)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Skill awards	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0
Merit badge requirements <i>(A = all, R = Eagle required only)</i>	A	A	A	A	A	A	0	0	A	R	R	0	0
Songs	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Games	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0
Suggested reading list	0	+	E	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	0	0	0
Military drill	0	0	0	E	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
How to build a radio receiver	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
How to build a log cabin	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0
Archery	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0