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SAFETY GEAR GIFT GUIDE

With the holidays right around the corner, it's worth considering some great gear that can help keep the Scouts and Scouters on your gift list safe. **CAN YOU FIND all of these safety-themed presents in and around the Scouts Canada tree?**



BEAR SPRAY: Bear spray is something that nobody plans on using, but it can be a worthwhile gift for the Scout or Scouter who spends plenty of time adventuring in known bear country.



COMPASS: Compass: A quality compass is a gift that any Scout or Scouter will appreciate. Working with a compass is a classic Scouting skill, and it's certainly an important instrument for finding one's way when far from civilization.



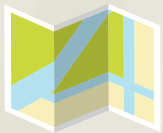
FIRST AID KIT: A first aid kit is a worthwhile gift for any Scout or Scouter. A first aid kit that's a little bigger than a tiny "ouch kit" might be the most convenient altogether—a kit that's small enough to always be worth packing, but includes more than just little bandages for minor cuts and scrapes.



GPS: While plenty of Scouts and Scouters are justifiably proud of their map and compass skills, there's nothing like a working GPS for getting your bearings when you're no longer sure where you are on (or relative to) your map.



HAND SANITIZER: A small container or two of hand sanitizer makes a great addition to any camper's kitchen set and bathroom kit. It's not as easy to keep truly clean in the bush as it is at home, but basic sanitation need not be inconvenient.



MAP CASE: The value of a good waterproof map case is pretty obvious. They're wonderful on a rainy day hike, and they're even better if you're collecting your gear from a river after your canoe's capsized!



SATELLITE MESSENGER BEACON: A satellite messenger beacon (like the SPOT Gen3) is a device that can alert authorities to your location in the event of an emergency, no matter how remote you are. There are a variety of brands and devices on the market; do your research to find out which device is best suited to your needs.



SURVIVAL KIT: There is no standard for a store-bought survival kit. Different kits will have different gear included, and some of what's included might not be of great quality or of much use in your part of the country. A carefully considered homemade survival kit make a great, thoughtful gift.



WATER FILTER: A ceramic pump water filter will ensure safe drinking water without the hassle of boiling or the wait time involved with chemical treatments.



WHISTLE: A pea-less, fluorescent whistle on a lanyard makes a fantastic stocking-stuffer, and has to be among the safety gear items that an adventurous camper is most likely to make use of from time to time. A whistle can make the difference between losing one's group momentarily and being lost for hours or even days.