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Tenderfoot Requirement 5a1

"Explain the importance of the buddy system as it relates to your personal safety on outings and in your neighborhood."

(Handbook page 29)

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(Choose 1 correct answer)

5 Easy Questions

✓ 1. Assume that you are swimming and you get a cramp, and you are about to drown...
- √ Are you better off if you have a buddy who is a few feet away?
- ___ Are you better off if there is a lifeguard who has to spend time getting off his tower, pushing his boat into the water, rowing out to you, and finally throwing you a line?

✓ 2. Assume that you are hiking and you break a leg...
- √ Are you better off if you have a buddy who can apply first aid and maybe go for help?
- ___ Are you better off by yourself, since it gives you a chance to prove that you can tough it out in spite of unbearable pain?

✓ 3. Assume that you are accosted by someone who turns out to be a child abuser...
- √ Are you better off if you have a buddy with you, since this kind of creep prefers his victims to be alone?
- ___ Are you better off by yourself, so that when you yell "NO", you don't have to worry about damaging your buddy's sensitive ears?

✓ 4. Assume that you are camping with the Troop, and that you decide to go off exploring by yourself without a buddy. When you return...
- ___ Will you be rewarded for your initiative and sense of independence?
- √ Will you find yourself doing the dishes after supper because you did something stupid?

✓ 5. Assume that you are camping with the Troop, and that you have a buddy, and that you both decide to go off exploring together. However, you don't bother telling anybody that you're going. When you return...
- ___ Will you both be rewarded for your initiative and sense of independence?
- √ Will you both find yourself doing the dishes after supper because you did something stupid?

One Hard Question

6. You and your buddy are out hiking by yourselves, and he breaks a leg. He's in a lot of pain and shock is a real problem. Also, it's a bit cold and damp.

Assume that you do the required first aid, which is to treat for shock and splint the leg. What's the best thing to do now?

___ Stick with your buddy and hope that a search party finds you both. Prepare to spend the night. Get a campfire going and make sure that you have enough wood to last until morning. While it's still light out, make the fire very smoky to assist searchers. Build a shelter. Keep a watch over him and feed him whatever you've got with you. Give him hot liquids, even if it's just hot water.

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√ ___ You need some help as fast as possible. Do everything to keep your buddy comfortable without you. Start a smoky fire, and make sure that you leave enough wood and leaves so that he can keep it going by himself. Leave him all your equipment. Make sure he has lots of water. Take an item of clothing and cut it into strips. Move out quickly, but stop to tie a cloth strip to a tree every so often to make it easy for you or someone else to find the site again. Go!

___ Neither of the above. I think that the correct thing to do is .....

(Write down or say out loud what you think is a better answer.)