

Fieldcraft Skill Series

The Scout Staff



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"SCOUT STAVE" OR HIKING STICK

Utility hook for a variety of uses: retrieving items, picking fruit, etc.

Heavy duty rubber band

Peepholes drilled at right angle to each other for laying out a 90 degree corner. ... as a fishing pole

Brass tack at five feet

Twenty to thirty feet of parachute cord or nylon cording as a hand grip and emergency line.

grooves for five-mile hikes.

Brass tack and groove at three foot point (mid-point of staff for six foot length)

Fifty feet of fishing line around two band-aids and fish hook.

Brass tack and groove at two foot mark.

Brass tacks at linch on center as inch scale and emergency nails.

Brass tack at one foot mark.

grooves at one inch on center to continue inch scale.

Rubber furniture leg tip.

Sketch after Baden Powell

... as a cooking tripod

... as a hiking stabilizer

... You will be surprised at how many tasks a good hiking stick can perform. Don't be without one when your patrol sets out!

SIZE:

- Approximately one inch in diameter.
- Five to six feet in length.

SOURCES:

- Tree limb trimmings
- Wooden closet rod material (lumber yard)
- Implement handles (hoe, rake, etc.)