**Bear Claws Adventure**

**Adventure Goal**: Learn use, care, and safety for knives.

**Adventure Requirements**: Complete the following requirements.

1. Learn about three common designs of pocketknives.
2. Learn knife safety and earn your Whittling Chip.\*
3. Do one of the following:
   1. Using a pocketknife, carve two items.
   2. With a pocket knife, safely perform each of these tasks:  
      (1) Demonstrate how to cut a piece of rope, twine or fishing line

(2) Open a sealed box without damaging the contents

(3) Open a can with a can opener tool on a pocket knife

(4) Remove and replace the screws on an object with the screw driver tool on a pocket knife

(5) Open a letter.

**Ideas for Adventure Requirements**:

1. JackKnife, PenKnife, MultiPurpose Knife are all described in the Bear Handbook.
2. Doing a thorough job of presenting and practicing all the [**Whittling Chip**](http://www.boyscouttrail.com/content/award/whittling_chip-434.asp) information and skills is crucial.
3. Scouts can practice with soap and a plastic knife, but a real knife is to be used to do this carving.

## **Cub Scout Whittling Chip Requirements**

1. **Know the safety rules** for handling a knife and show, using these rules, that you **know how to care for and use your pocketknife safely**.
   1. Opening and closing
   2. Passing
   3. Sharpening and cleaning
2. **Make a carving** with a pocketknife. Work with your den leader or other adult when doing this. (One of the items carved for [Bear Claws](https://cubscoutideas.com/tag/bear-claws/) **requirement 3 may be used to fulfill Whittling Chip requirement 2.)**
3. Read, understand and promise to abide by the**“Pocketknife Pledge.”**