

FISHING

SAINTS GLOBAL MEMBER

NAME:

BATTALION:

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SKILL BADGE ADVISOR

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STEP 1 | DISCOVER

INITIALS

- a) Explain the most likely fishing hazards (water, hooks, weather, wildlife, sharp tools) and demonstrate how you will prevent and respond to them. _____
- b) Demonstrate first-aid responses for common fishing injuries and illnesses, including cuts, punctures, insect bites, sunburn, dehydration, heat illness, and hypothermia. _____
- c) Explain and demonstrate a safe method for removing a barbed hook from skin using an approved technique under leader guidance (simulation is acceptable). _____
- d) Explain five safety practices you will always follow while fishing, including safe casting, spacing, and respect for property and regulations. _____

STEP 2 | PLAN

INITIALS

- a) Compare two fishing outfits (rod/reel/line) and explain when each is best used, including basic care for the equipment. _____
- b) Plan a lawful fishing outing by reviewing local regulations (license, seasons, limits, bait rules) and describing what the rules protect and why. _____
- c) Prepare a simple tackle plan for the outing, selecting knots, hooks/lures/baits, and landing tools appropriate to the target fish and water type. _____

STEP 3 | ACT

INITIALS

- a) Demonstrate the proper use of two different types of fishing equipment in the field (e.g., spinning gear and bobber rig, or spinning gear and lure presentation). _____
- a.1) Rig both setups correctly and safely _____
- a.2) Cast with safe spacing and communication _____
- a.3) Adjust presentation based on water conditions _____
- a.4) Explain what you changed and why _____
- b) Tie and use five essential knots in a real rigging context: improved clinch, Palomar, uni, uni-to-uni, and arbor. _____
- b.1) Tie each knot cleanly without slipping _____
- b.2) Explain when each knot is the best choice _____
- b.3) Use at least two of the knots on live rigs during the outing _____
- b.4) Demonstrate line trimming and tag management for safety _____
- c) Identify and use at least five artificial lures and five natural baits appropriate to local fishing, and explain safe, lawful handling of bait and baitfish. _____
- c.1) Name and identify the lures and baits _____
- c.2) Explain how each is presented _____
- c.3) Describe why baitfish are not released and how to follow local rules _____
- c.4) Demonstrate safe hook handling and disposal of used bait _____

- d) Catch at least one fish lawfully, identify it, and demonstrate ethical handling and release or keeping procedures according to regulations. _____
 - d.1) Identify the fish using at least two physical traits _____
 - d.2) Handle fish with wet hands or appropriate tools to reduce harm _____
 - d.3) Remove the hook safely or cut the line when appropriate _____
 - d.4) Release properly OR keep and store the fish lawfully _____
- e) If regulations and health conditions permit, clean and cook a fish you caught OR prepare a legally acquired fish using safe hygiene and food handling. _____
 - e.1) Demonstrate safe knife handling and workspace cleanliness _____
 - e.2) Clean the fish with correct technique and proper disposal _____
 - e.3) Cook the fish to safe doneness using an appropriate method _____
 - e.4) Explain one hygiene practice you followed to prevent illness _____

STEP 4 | REFLECT

INITIALS

- a) Explain how Leave No Trace principles, sportsmanship, and obedience to regulations protect fishing resources and other people. _____
- b) Describe what you learned about patience, self-control, and gratitude while fishing, and identify one way you can use this skill to serve others. _____

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END OF REQUIREMENTS

**BY SIGNING BELOW, I CERTIFY TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE THAT ALL
REQUIREMENTS WERE MET AT OR ABOVE THE REQUIRED STANDARDS AS OUTLINED
IN THE BADGE REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST.**

SKILL BADGE ADVISOR

DATE