Items **bolded** below are requirements that must be demonstrated to the Evaluator. Non-bolded items are training steps that may be introduced in class and are helpful for achieving the requirements. All behaviors must have been taught or re-taught to the dog (preferably using a new cue), using only positive reward-based methods.

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|  | **Dog has earned the prerequisite Backpacking badge** |
|  | **Dog will wear a backpack and will carry the required items per the Backpacking badge** |
|  | **Handler knows what equipment is required for camping out and can select appropriate equipment for various conditions** |
|  | **Dog and handler will hike to the campsite at least ½ mile away, each carrying his own supplies and overnight items** |
|  | **Handler always practices the ‘leave not trace’ principles** |
|  | **Handler can select a safe and suitable site and can pitch a tent** |
|  | **Handler demonstrates responsible dog parenting on the trail and always cleans up after the dog, disposing of the waste properly** |
|  | **Handler knows how to make a ‘cat hole’ in the woods for his/her own waste** |
|  | **Handler understands that available food will attract wild animals and demonstrates how to hang a bear bag** |
|  | **Dog demonstrates proper trail manners and walks close to the handler with a loose leash when hiking; dog does not chase wildlife on the trail or at the campsite location** |
|  | **Handler understands fire safety when camping and can demonstrate how to build a fire from scratch using a standard match** |
|  | **Handler knows how to reduce the chance of getting lost in the woods** |
|  | **Handler knows how and is prepared to signal for help if lost in the woods** |
|  | **Handler and dog successfully hike to the campsite carrying supplies and provisions, make camp, build a fire, cook a meal over the fire and hike back the next day** |