



Royal Rangers

Merit Requirements: Silver-Bordered Merit

HIDE TANNING MERIT

1. Read at least two books on hide tanning. Write a 150-word report for each book summarizing what you learned and each text's relevance to hide tanning. Include the bibliographical information of title, author, publisher, date of publication, and number of pages.
2. Describe at least three different tanning processes. List the advantages and disadvantages of each process.
3. Explain the precautions required for handling tanning solutions. Describe the emergency actions to be taken when exposed to harmful tanning solutions.
4. List and describe at least five tools used in hide tanning.
5. List the safety precautions for using
 - a. Tools in hide tanning
 - b. Solutions in hide tanning
6. Write a report of at least five hundred words in which you explain the process required for tanning a hide, including the preparations for solutions used in the process.
7. Complete the following about the hide-tanning process:
 - a. Explain how to remove a hide from a carcass (skinning).
 - b. Describe how to remove the brain from a carcass to use for hide tanning.
 - c. List the necessary health precautions when handling a rotting or smelly hide.
8. List two methods of storing hides so that they are in optimum condition for tanning.
9. Obtain a fresh or salted hide and tan it with adult supervision. Write a report about your experience and describe some of the successes and difficulties in completing the project. Describe what you would do differently on another hide.
10. Describe at least two techniques to get various colors when tanning hides.
11. Describe ways to clean a hide.