CAMPING SKILLS

Under each heading, more basic skills are listed first.

Tent: know how to ruin a tent, and how to avoid this
set up structure and drive stakes properly
get the rain-fly and ground-tarp right
choose good location and orientation
trench against runoff
fix a stuck zipper

Gear: keep well organized
make and follow checklist

Plate: use three-bucket method properly at base camp
lick clean
scour with sand and grass

Poop: prepare and cover pit properly
deposit accurately without fouling clothes
wipe clean without toilet paper

Skin: minimize exposure with clothing
apply repellant safely and effectively
apply sunscreen intelligently

Water: judge hydration
keep properly hydrated
keep drinking water cool
sterilize drinking water
properly use a water-filtering pump

Knife: whittle safely
whittle effectively
sharpen with ceramic hones
sharpen with diamond hones
sharpen with stones

Hatchet: chop wood safely
chop wood efficiently
sharpen with file
sharpen with diamond hone

Fire: extinguish properly
        prepare one-match teepee start
        pre-dry damp wood
        start with flint-and-steel
        start with bow drills
        make reflective structures

Coleman lantern: fill and pump
                  light it
                  change a mantle
                  fix a broken glass windshield
                  clean and replace generator

Backpacking: fit and adjust a backpack properly
             store gear correctly in pack (including sleeping-bag)
             rest briefly while hiking

Rain: be prepared with proper attire
        how to keep clothing, gear and tent dry
        how to wring wet clothes effectively
        how to use sun and wind to speed drying

Warmth: how to use layers for warmth control
           how to keep sleeping-bag dry and warm(er)

Direction: find North from vegetation
          find North from the stars
          read a compass
          follow compass directions (orienteer)
          read topographic maps

Craft: lanyards: how to start one
                box and spiral stitches

      knots: square knot and sheep-bend to connect ropes
              taut-line hitch for tents
              knots for fishing

      woodworking: use awl correctly
                    use saws correctly
                    use rasps correctly

Archery: Fit an arrow to a bow
         Stand correctly
         Pull arrow back correctly
         Hit the target