

100 reasons you might be taking Scouts too seriously is if...

100. most of your wardrobe is olive drab or khaki.
99. you keep a lantern hanging outside your bathroom door.
98. you cannot walk by a piece of trash without picking it up.
97. you carry a duffle bag size first-aid kit in your car.
96. your pots and pans are all black.
95. you roast a mini-marshmallow on a paper clip over a candle; then put it on a golden 94. graham with one square of chocolate, just to get the flavor.
94. you always cook enough food for twelve.
93. you open letters with a pocket knife.
92. you buy your shampoo in little tiny bottles.
91. everything in your cupboard says "Instant, just add water".
90. you really do use those emergency sewing kits.
89. you see a pile of rocks and immediately put them in a circle.
88. you have a collection of used candles and dryer lint.
87. your favorite cologne is "Deep Woods Off!"
86. you can't remember which hand to shake with in the office on Monday morning.
85. you have the end of every rope at home back-spliced or whipped.
84. you camp for a week in the summer with about a dozen old guys/women; about 40 between 18 and 30; hundreds between 11 and 18; and the whole thing works!
83. you know you have brothers all over the world.
82. you have helped raise other's children.
81. you say "signs up" in a business meeting to quiet everyone down.
80. you find yourself discussing the relative merits of internal vs. external frame packs on a date.
79. you know more than two ways to light a fire.
78. your "family vacation" includes 30 kids your wife doesn't know.
77. you've ever heard the phrase, "Trust me, it's only an hour and a half a week!!"
76. you begin to think instant oatmeal without water doesn't taste all that bad.
75. you carry your own toilet paper wherever you go.
74. you always read by a flashlight.
73. you horde tent stakes.
72. you put on a clean pair of socks to go to bed.
71. you're always counting how many matches you have left.
70. you tie up your brother, and he can't get loose.
69. you know all the words to Scout Vespers, but can't remember your anniversary.
68. pie iron pizza is the best meal you've had all week.
67. you always have a cup hooked to your belt.
66. you have something on your shoe...and you're sure it's only mud.
65. you eat ants on a log and like it.
64. you know 365 one pot meals.
63. when opening large gifts you survey the box wondering if you have a piece of foil large enough to cover it.
62. you order pizzas 14 at a time.
61. you have the urge to help little old ladies...whether they want it or not.

60. your neighbors hide when they see you going door to door with "that order form" again.
59. you have to go to the restroom and you start looking for a buddy.
58. you really do use those emergency sewing kits.
57. you go to someone's house for dinner, don't like the food, and ask if they have peanut butter and jelly.
56. you tie your shoe and check the handbook to see if it meets a rank requirement.
55. you know 100 uses for a bandana.
54. you actually own the book, "How to S**t in the Woods".
53. you miss the "floaties" and "sinkers" in the office coffee.
52. your computer password is "LNT."
51. you REALLY love your self-inflating sleep pad.
50. you have the end of every rope at home backspliced or whipped.
49. you correct someone who says "Gee, I used to be an Eagle Scout." and then get him to volunteer in your Troop.
48. you always have a boy registration and adult leader application in your brief case and you have to keep replacing them.
47. you know you have brothers all over the world.
46. you know who in your Troop can really cook and whose talent lies in dishwashing. And, you think a pan of warm water feels pretty good after dinner.
45. you have your own desk and filing cabinet just for scout related paperwork.
44. your calendar is full of meetings that you never forget, but can't remember to send a birthday card to family members on time.
43. you have the local BSA office on speed dial.
42. you stop by other people's house on trash day, rescuing items you can use.
41. people don't recognize you when you're not in uniform.
40. you catch yourself singing "God Bless My Underwear" when it's time to sing "God Bless America,"
39. your "microwave" is a box wrapped in foil...
38. your idea of a burned-out light bulb is a broken mantle...
37. your front door has a zipper instead of a deadbolt...
36. your last birthday cake was prepared and served in a Dutch Oven...
35. you've ever been mistaken for a park ranger or a State Trooper...
34. the trash collector has ever requested that you not hang your bags between the trees in the driveway.
33. you take the family on vacation, and you apply to the Council office for a tour permit.
32. you pack to go on a weekend trip to visit friends and you take your backpack instead of your suitcase.
31. you go on a family walk around the block and you take a map and a compass along.
30. instead of building a fence around the yard with nails and wood, you lash it with poles and rope.
29. instead of teaching your 1 year old son his ABC's you teach him the Scout Law and the Scout Oath.
28. instead of a flower garden in the middle of the backyard you have a fire pit, with logs and stumps to sit on.
27. someone asks for a light and you pull out your magnesium sparker.

26. a stranger asks for directions to a public restroom and you hand him a trowel and give him detailed instructions in the fine art of digging a kitty hole.
25. Derby Day has nothing to do with Kentucky or horses. It's all about a 5 oz block of wood and a ramp.
24. you ask off work for Baden Powell's birthday.
23. you buy that '89 Chevy Caprice because you really like that fleur-di-lis hood ornament.
22. you decide to lash together the new deck on the back of your house.
21. you plan to serve foil meals at your next dinner party.
20. you walk the streets in broad daylight with a coffee cup and flashlight hanging from your belt.
19. you were arrested by airport security because you wouldn't give up your official BSA pocket knife until the cop said "Thank you."
18. you didn't mind losing power to your house for three days.
17. your son hides his copy of Boy's Life from you.
16. your plans for remodeling the bathroom include digging the hole deeper.
15. you trade your 25 foot center console fishing boat in on that great little 15 foot canoe.
14. your favorite movie is "Follow Me Boys" starring Fred MacMurry, and you spent months trying to convince Disney to release it again in the theaters.
13. you managed to find that 8th day in the week.
12. you can actually start a fire by rubbing two sticks together.
11. latrines at camp start becoming comfortable.
10. you gave your wife a mummy bag rated for -15 deg F for Christmas and it was the nicest gift you've ever given her.
9. you name one of your kids Baden.
8. you can recite the 12 points of the Scout Law backwards in order in 3 seconds flat.
7. you bought 10,000 shares of Coleman stock on an inside tip that they were about to release
6. a microwave accessory for their camp stove line.
5. you plan to get rich by writing a best-selling Dutch Oven cook book
4. you took a chemistry course at the local college to help you develop a better fire starter.
3. you actually own a left-handed smoke shifter.
2. a trip to Philmont is a pilgrimage.

And the number one reason you might be taking Scouts too seriously is if the Scouts in your Troop chipped in to have you abducted by a professional cult de-programmer.