

- b. Show that you know first aid for injuries or illnesses that could occur while working with leather, including minor cuts and scratches, puncture wounds, ingested poisoning, and reactions from exposure to chemicals such as dyes, cements, and finishes used in leatherworking.

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2. Explain to your counselor

- a. Where leather comes from

- c. Recondition or show that you can take proper care of your shoes, a baseball glove, a saddle, furniture, or other articles of leather.

Discuss with your counselor the advantages or disadvantages of leather vs. synthetic materials.

- d. Visit a leather-related business. This could be a leathercraft supply company, a tannery, a leather goods or shoe factory, or a saddle shop. Report on your visit to your counselor.

Business visited	

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