

Choosing a Knife for Journey Weekend

The time is coming close for the Journey weekend 2018. One of the changes that we have for this year is that we are asking participants to bring a knife. We have gotten many questions in the past about what would constitute a good knife for the father son Journey weekend and we have written this article to help guide you in what knife to bring. If you already have a knife on hand, feel free to bring that knife with you rather than buying a whole new one. If you are needing or wanting to buy a knife for the event, here are some suggestions for affordable knives.

A good selection would be a knife that is a fixed blade design (doesn't fold like a pocket knife) and is sturdy enough to hold up to light batoning (striking the back of the knife with a stick to drive it into wood). The ideal blade would be a plain edge between 3.5-5 inches long. You usually want to steer away from blades that are made to look "tactical" or exotic as these are often not very practical. You will also want to find a knife that fits comfortably in the hand. Most major knife brands sell models that are well adapted to bushcraft tasks and these can range from cheap to quite expensive. While it is general true that you get what you pay for with knives, there are some very affordable options that would serve you well for this weekend and beyond.

- Mora knives are good quality and can usually be had for under 20 dollars (their "robust" model is excellent).
- Condor knives sell the woodlore and kephart models for around 30 dollars.
- Buck, Gerber, SOG, and Camillus all sell knives that fit the bill for around 40 dollars and can be found at Walmart.
- Terava Jaakaripuukko 110 & 140 are an absolute steal at 31-58 dollars (depending on sheath options) just leave plenty of time for shipping.
- Utica cutlery model 11-UTKS4 is a great option at around 55 dollars

We hope you have found this article useful. Don't forget to sign up for the Father Son Journey Weekend 2018!



Mora Knives "Robust"



Condor "Woodlore"



Utica 11-UTKS4



Terava Jaakaripuukko 110 & 140



Buck Knives "Mesa" & Gerber "Strongarm"