

# Survivalism and Bushcraft

## Exploring Their Core Focuses

**Survivalism** and **Bushcraft** are disciplines rooted in self-reliance, adaptability, and resourcefulness. At their core lies a structured framework to prepare individuals for the challenges of wilderness living through emergency scenarios. This article explores the "10-Survival Categories" (10-SCs) central to **Survivalism** and the "10-Categories" (10-Cs) central to **Bushcraft**. These principles not only guide the acquisition of essential tools and skills but also foster a mindset when in diverse environments.

**Survivalism:** The top ten priority categories are called the 10-SCs (10-Survival Categories) with the first five called Core Survival Needs and the second five called Enablers of Adaptability:

**Note:** List was taken from the *Prepare to Survival and Adapt* book (Terry Campbell).

1. **Compass** (Navigation, etc.)
2. **Containers** (Water, Food)
3. **Combustion** (Fire, Light)
4. **Cover** (Shelter, Sleep Structure, Sleep System, Clothing)
5. **Calories** (Food Types)
6. **Cutting** (Knife, Axe, Saw)
7. **Cordage** (Paracord, Bank Line, Tarred Plant-Based Hemp Rope)
8. **Communications** (Radio, Phone, Relationships)
9. **Care** (First-Aid, Hygiene, Tool Maintenance):
10. **Combat** (Insects, Animals, People)

**Bushcraft:** The top ten priority categories are called the 10-Cs (10-Categories) with the first five called Survivability Categories and the second five called Sustainability Categories:

**Note:** List was taken from *The Bushcraft Essentials* book (Dave Canterbury).

1. **Cutting Tools** (Knife, Small Saw, Multi-tool or Swiss Army Knife)
2. **Combustion Device** (Fire)
3. **Cover Elements** (Space Blanket, 6-mil Contractor Bag, Insulating Blanket)
4. **Containers** (Metal Water Bottle, Cups)
5. **Cordage** (Parachute Cord, Bank Line, Tubular Webbing)
6. **Cotton Material** (Bandanna, Shemagh, T-shirt)
7. **Cargo Tape** (2" Roll, 1" Roll)
8. **Compass** (Navigation, etc.)
9. **Candling Device** (Headlamp, no flashlight or lantern)
10. **Canvas Sail Needle**

**Closing Thought:** While there is overlapping agreement between **Survivalism** and **Bushcraft**, the objective of each is quite different, and this accounts for the top ten categories also being different due to what is needed to meet those differencing objectives.

Your choice of your own top ten categories will depend on whether you enjoy camping, backpacking, hiking, bushcraft, survivalism, prepping, homesteading, etc., or even a mixture of these. You will have categories that meet your own wants and requirements for your own unique activity choices.

