

5 “OLD SCHOOL” SURVIVALIST LESSONS

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1. Swiss Army Knife EDC

- My father died recently, and he is the reason I have been on the path of survivalism for my entire adult life. He was truly one of the last Boy Scouts (even though he was never in scouting) in that he was truly prepared all the time for everything.
- Every Christmas, his SwissChamp Swiss Army knife would make an appearance... but I remember that knife always being on him and always being there when he needed it.
- When my own child was a toddler I had a moment where I realized I was the adult now... and I have never been without a Swiss Army Knife since.
- A modern multitool is the most essential tool any survivalist can carry. Jeff has reviewed [this one](#) before and I have one myself.

2. Flashlight EDC

- My father always carried a Mini Maglite, back when those were the standard by which pocket flashlights were judged. (They were incredibly dim by modern standards.)
- He also always carried a pocket protector full of pens, a notebook, and a penlight.
- I carry a notebook and tactical pen to this day because of him (although I draw the line at pocket protector).

3. The Value Of A Good Staff

- I have in my possession the walking staff my father used. He was a HUGE advocate of having that “third leg” when you’re hiking, and that man loved to walk around in the woods.

- The stability that a staff gives you is very important when you’re crossing rough terrain.
- It’s a lesson I remember to this day. (He used to like to carry a shotgun in the woods, too, but wasn’t much of a hunter.)
- We went handgun hunting once and I realized it wasn’t for me (but it led to another story about preparedness, in Number 5 below).

4. Survival Knives Matter

- One item I wish I still had was his cherished Japanese Rambo-style survival knife. The man knew the value of a good blade.

5. Stockpile, Stockpile, Stockpile

- When I used to live with my brother, he would occasionally ask me, “Say, you don’t have X in the archives, do you?”
- It was always a real joy when I had the item, like a glowstick for his son on Halloween, an extra toothbrush, burn gel, etc.
- My father used to drive around with what I think was an entire machine shop in drawers in the bed of his Suburban.
- He taught me the value of making sure you have an item, ESPECIALLY if you ever found yourself needing it before... so you never end up needing it again.
- He would scale that up, too. One time we got stuck in the mud while hunting... and he was NEVER without a 4WD vehicle after that.

Prepare. Train. Survive.