

Patrol Camping Guide

Troop 876

Listed are the guidelines for a patrol campout. It is each patrol's responsibility to follow these guidelines at every patrol campout; with the exception of adult leadership intervention in situations where the guidelines may not be suitable for the campout. It is the responsibility of each patrol member, the patrol and assistant patrol leaders, the TLC scout in charge of his patrol, the SPL and/or assistant SPL; to conduct each designated patrol campout according to these guidelines.

Campsites

Every patrol will establish their individual camping area. Besides tents, each campsite will consist of erecting a dining fly, setting up a patrol (kitchen) box, propane stove, work table, water/drink cooler, trash bag, charcoal fire building area if applicable, and fire bucket. Setting up wash stations will be supervised by the Adult Quartermaster team. *All patrol members* will take part in establishing their campsite. No one shall stop and quit working before the campsite is completed, with the exception of health or safety reasons. Once completed, the patrol leader (or assistant), the TLC patrol guide, and the adult patrol guide will inspect the camp.

Patrol Boxes

Every patrol will be responsible for the care, maintenance, and re-supplying of their patrol box. Failure to do so can result in an unpleasant camping experience. The patrol box should be kept clean at all times and consist of the following suggested items: 1 to 2 cooking pots (lids are preferable); at least 1 frying pan, medium to large size, 2 mixing-preparing bowls; 1 to 2 plastic cutting mats, 2 to 3 large spoons for stirring and serving; 1 can opener; at least 2 kitchen knives-(one paring knife, one larger for cutting and slicing); 2 rolls of paper towels; one roll of aluminum foil; medium to large size zip lock bags; 2 to 3 extra trash bags; hand soap; bottle of counter top cleaner; spices (such as salt/pepper) with extended shelf lives. Note: the spices can be kept in zip lock bags for freshness and to keep out critters. Some contents may vary according to the campout needs.

All patrol boxes will be kept clean, at all times. Every box and stove will be subject to inspection at any time by the TLC patrol guide, SPL, and adult patrol guide; with the last inspection held prior to loading the trailer at the end of a campout. Should a box or stove not pass inspection, that patrol will clean/organize their box to the satisfaction of the adult patrol guide. Failure to pass inspection is not an option.

Food Planning – Preparation

(Remember the Scout Motto: "Be Prepared".) ***Every patrol is responsible for its own food and water at a patrol campout.*** The adult leaders do not buy or furnish food or supplies for the patrols unless it has been planned and stated before the campout. Exceptions are, of course, in the case of accidents or unforeseen circumstances. Planning meals should take place at the specified troop meetings. Use the menu planning form found on the Troop website. The patrol leader (or assistant) is responsible for organizing his patrol's meals and shopping for the necessary items prior to a campout. ***It is strongly recommended for the adult patrol guide or parent(s) to accompany the patrol on its shopping excursion.*** The Troop can supply extra containers for patrol food if needed; such as an extra cooler for ice; but only if notified at the patrol campout planning meeting or earlier. Adult patrol guides are encouraged to assist with food preparation and possibly demonstrate some cooking techniques as needed.

TLC Patrol

The TLC patrol is responsible for overseeing the maintenance and safety of every patrol campsite as well as their own. They are also held responsible in assisting the patrols, when needed, for every aspect of the campout; including setting up camp, guidance in preparing meals, and most importantly – keeping a clean camp. The SPL is responsible for scheduling TLC patrol guides to each patrol. They in turn, are responsible for supervising and assisting their designated patrols' activities during a campout. The TLC patrol campsite is required to be the model campsite, an example the other patrols can follow. Failure to comply can result in disciplinary action by the adult leadership.

Camping Etiquette and Safety

Every campsite will be kept clean at all times. No one shall take and use food, supplies, or equipment from a campsite that is not their own. Maintaining water cooler stations is the responsibility of each patrol. Absolutely no one shall disturb the personal items of any Scout or adult. No Scout or adult should enter a campsite area without some form of verbal communication. Exceptions are health and safety reasons. No adult (18 years or older) shall enter a Scout's tent; the exception being an emergency for health and safety reasons. Respect for privacy is mandatory for all camping participants.

Scouts shall not enter the adult dining and camping area unless there is a health or safety issue; or unless the adult leadership is holding an event such as meetings, cracker barrel and the like. Re-filling drink bottles at the adult dining area is not permitted unless otherwise stated. No scout shall enter the adult cooking (stove area) and meal preparation area at any time. This is often a very busy part of campouts and for safety reasons, only designated personnel will be allowed to occupy this area.

All campsites will be thoroughly cleaned and inspected before departure. All fire areas will be monitored by a designated team of at least 2 Scouts. No fire area will be left unmanned until that area is cold. Water (or dirt/sand) to douse the fire must be on hand at all times, no exceptions. Shovels will be used to turn the area over until it is proven cold, no exceptions.

Scouting Way

Always remember your responsibility as a Scout, being courteous to the people around you and respecting the outdoors. Always honor the Leave No Trace principals. Never leave the Troop camping area alone, ever. Use the buddy system for all activities when applicable. Conduct yourself, at all times, according to the Scout Oath and Law.