

PACK 12

CAMPING GUIDE

Family Camping

Pack 12 overnight camping experiences are for the whole family. Siblings are encouraged to attend and participate. Camping activities are regulated by the Boy Scouts of America and our Pack is not at privilege to change or ignore applicable rules. The activities during these camping experiences are organized with the safety of the Scouts as the primary concern. However, parents are responsible for the supervision of their children.

Fire Safety Guidelines

- *Use fire rings, where provided. Otherwise, form a ring with stones or large logs where possible.*
- *Clear all burnable materials (leaves, twigs, etc.) within 5 feet of the fire. Do not build a fire under overhanging branches of trees or shrubs, or near roots of trees.*
- *Never leave a fire unattended. Never leave children unattended around the fire.*
- *Have a bucket of water nearby in case sparks start a fire away from the fire circle. A fire bucket is required at ALL tents.*
- *Scouts or siblings are not allowed to put anything in the fire, or to remove any sticks from the fire.*
- *Make sure that the fire is “dead or cold out” before leaving it. Spread the coals and ashes and sprinkle them with water. Stir and sprinkle until site is cold. Feel with your hand to make sure*
- *Tents should be at least 20 feet away from fires. No flames, flame causing agents, or flammable liquids in or near tents*
- *Battery powered lights are preferable to liquid fuel lights.*

Sleeping arrangements

- *We recommend that each family invest in a good quality tent. However, if you do not own a tent, we can usually obtain one for your use, if you will inform us of the need. We want everyone to be able to enjoy the camping experience.*
- *For Tiger, Wolf, and Bear age Scouts: Family members must sleep together. No adult may share a tent with a child from a different family, unless that child’s parent is in the tent, also.*
- *For Webelos Scouts: Scouts are allowed and encouraged to share tents. We request that parents do not sleep in the same tent as their Scout. An exception would be in the event of the Scout having to sleep alone, if he is not sleeping with his parent.*

Campsite Etiquette

- *Flashlights: Use them when necessary to see what you are doing, but please do not play with flashlights. Never shine a flashlight in someone's face. Do not use your flashlights at the campfire, unless part of a skit or in an emergency.*
- *For Scouts and siblings: "Lights out" at 10:00pm and "all quiet" by 10:30pm.*
- *For adults: Voices should be kept low after 10:00pm and "all quiet" by 11:00pm.*
- *Lights out means you are in bed with the lights out. All quiet means talking has ceased.*
- *Please, keep voices and activity to a minimum prior to 6:30am.*
- *Working as a team, we can accomplish more and no one person is forced to do more than his share.*

Everyone is expected to remain at camp on the final day until all cleanup activities and worship service is complete. Pack12 is committed to "leaving only footprints" and "leaving it better than we found it".

Tobacco/Alcohol Use

"The Boy Scouts of America prohibits the use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances at encampments or activities on property owned and/or operated by the Boy Scouts of America, or at any activity involving participation of youth members. Adult leaders should support the attitude that young adults are better off without tobacco and may not allow the use of tobacco products at any BSA activity involving youth participants. All Scouting functions, meetings, and activities should be conducted on a smoke-free basis, with smoking areas located away from all participants." – Guide to Safe Scouting

Gear Suggestions

Basic Gear

<i>Sleeping Bag</i>	<i>Pillow</i>	<i>Personal First Aid Kit</i>
<i>Water Bottle / Canteen</i>	<i>Hiking boots and socks</i>	<i>Hat or Cap</i>
<i>Toiletries (at least these items)</i>	<i>Extra pair of shoes and socks</i>	<i>Fanny Pack</i>
<i>+ toothbrush & toothpaste</i>	<i>Shorts and/or long pants</i>	<i>small water-proof container</i>
<i>+ soap</i>	<i>Short sleeve shirt(s)</i>	<i>Sunglasses</i>
<i>+ towel & washcloth</i>	<i>Long sleeve shirt(s)</i>	<i>Folding chair</i>
<i>+ comb/ brush, deodorant</i>	<i>Extra t-shirt(s)</i>	<i>Camera and Film</i>
<i>Lip Balm</i>	<i>Rain Gear (poncho & pants)</i>	<i>Flashlight w/ extra bulb</i>
<i>Mess Kit / Eating Utensils</i>	<i>Walking Stick</i>	
<i>Pocketknife (<3" folding blade</i>	<i>Pillow</i>	<i>Extra batteries</i>
<i>("Whittling Chip" or "Totem Chip"</i>	<i>Sun screen</i>	
<i>for scouts IF previously authorized)</i>	<i>Insect Repellant</i>	<i>Frisbee, football, soccer ball</i>

Optional Gear – Depending on weather and/or personal preference

<i>Tent (seam sealed)</i>	<i>Sweatshirt</i>	<i>Gloves</i>
<i>Water-proof barriers</i>	<i>Long underwear</i>	<i>Hand warmers or 'hot mits'</i>
<i>(1 for inside and 1 for under tent)</i>	<i>Extra knit or fleece blanket</i>	<i>Sleeping pad / air mattress</i>
<i>Plastic tarp(s)</i>	<i>Medium Weight Coat</i>	
	<i>Knit or fleece pullover hat</i>	<i>Snacks or Trail Mix</i>

• *It is better to dress in layers instead of using heavy coats. This allows you to remove layers as the day warms-up.*

• *For safety purpose, we recommend that each Scout or sibling carry a "fanny pack" that allows him/her to carry a flashlight, whistle, and water bottle. Other items in the pack could include sunscreen, lip balm and sunglasses. The whistle is for emergency use only and three "blasts" indicate an emergency.*