

## **Making Camp**

- Determine if the Troop will have one common site for all patrols or a different site for each patrol.
- Determine the site location for the Patrol or Troop Dining flies. All members of the patrol or troop (determined by previous step) should assist in setting up the dining fly as this will provide an area to store personal gear while tents are to be setup. The direction of the wind should be noted as this may affect the orientation of the dining fly and tents.
- In areas where there are bears, the dining and cooking areas, should be 30 to 40 yards downwind from the tents. The bear bag should be likewise situated from the tents.
- Personal Gear will be stored under the Dining fly.
- The Patrol Leader Council will determine the location of the patrol sites. The wind direction should be noted to keep from having tent doors facing the wind as a rule.
- Each Patrol works on setting the Tent Tarps which will provide additional tent protection.
- The ground below the tent locations should be cleared and prepared to provide a proper ground bed.
- Tents should be erected with ground cloths.
- Latrines (if prepared) should be placed 200' from a campsite, trail, and water. Preferably downwind from the campsite.
- The camp fire lay should be no closer than 10 feet from tents and the dining fly and should not be up wind from tents or dining flies.

## **Setup Inspection**

When patrol leaders report to the Senior Patrol Leader that there campsites are ready, the Senior Patrol Leader and a Scoutmaster can perform the following inspection.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Latrine       | <input type="checkbox"/> Done right?  |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Paper on Hand?   |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Everyone knows location?                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tents         | <input type="checkbox"/> Pitched Properly?  |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Taut-line hitched used?                                    |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Proper Drainage?   |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Pitched with consideration of prevailing Winds?            |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Pitched well away from ground fire lay?                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beds and      | <input type="checkbox"/> Ground cloth used?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Gear | <input type="checkbox"/> Lumps removed?   |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Adequate insulation from ground- foam pad or air mattress? |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal gear neat and off of ground?                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen       | <input type="checkbox"/> Firesite cleared of combustibles?                          |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Fireplace adequate?  |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood supply kept well away from fire?                      |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste water disposal properly done?                        |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Food supply properly stored?                               |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Dining fly setup?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area          | <input type="checkbox"/> No trash or equipment lying around?                        |

## **Breaking Camp**

- A rule to remember governing leaving camp: **Leave no sign you were there.**
- Make sure the campfire is cold out. Distribute ashes and scatter extra firewood.
- If you dug a latrine, fill it completely and replace any sod you removed.
- Pack your personal and group gear and if the weather is bad place it under the dining fly or in the shelter of a large tree.
- Brush debris out of your tent, take it down, roll it tightly (**Be sure you have all your stakes, poles, "flutes" with your tent**), place it in its bag, (strap it to your pack, if hiking).
- Strike your dining flies.
- Inspect the campsite for any sign of litter or your presence.

## **Leaving Inspection**

When patrol leaders report to the Senior Patrol Leader that their campsites are ready, the Senior Patrol Leader and a Scoutmaster can perform the following inspection.

- Personal Gear properly packed for return home?
- Trash packed for removal from site?
- Area free of any artificial litter:  foil,  paper,  rope,  string, etc.
- Fires out and fire places (if improvised) left or removed in accordance with owner's wishes?
- Extra firewood scattered?
- Latrine filled and sod replaced?
- Troop and patrol gear properly rolled, packed, stowed, etc. for return trip?
- Usable leftover food separate for distribution at home?
- Any holes or ditches filled and mounded?

