

## **TROOP 101 CAMPING RULES**

*(Gleaned from years of experience)*

### **A. Expenses**

1. Fees for camp-outs will be paid by requested deadline.
2. Scouts who have signed up for a camp must pay their share of the food costs even if they do not attend. If you are unable to attend, notify the Patrol Quartermaster (QM) at least three days prior to the camping trip.

### **B. Equipment**

1. The Patrol Quartermaster (QM) will be responsible for coordinating with the Troop Quartermaster to make sure that his Patrol has adequate tents and equipment for each camping trip. This should be completed prior to the day of departure.
2. The Patrol QM will be responsible for assigning to different Scouts equipment that needs to be carried home for cleaning or drying. All cooking equipment must be clean and all Patrol equipment must be maintained in proper condition.
3. Scouts will be responsible for any Troop/Patrol equipment entrusted to their care that is lost or damaged due to neglect.
4. If any damage to Troop equipment is done in a negligent manner, the Scout will be expected to replace such equipment or pay for repair.

### **C. Travel**

1. The Troop will travel to and from events / camp-outs as a unit except when permission for alternate travel is granted by the Scoutmaster. Parent cooperation is most appreciated. Each Scout will help load and unload Troop and individual gear.
2. Any Scout who drives a vehicle to a local area Troop event or camp-out (50 mile radius of departure point) must be at least 16 years of age; possess a valid driver's license; and have his parents/guardians' or Guardian's written permission. He will do so only in accordance with the provisions of the tour permit. Upon reaching the destination, the Scout will park his car and leave it parked until it is time to return. He will not transport any other Scout to or from the event. The written authorization will be turned in to the Scoutmaster prior to departure. **No one under 21 may drive a Scout to an event.**
3. A Driver Expense fee has been established for each person traveling to and from events so that everyone contributes to the costs associated with event travel.

#### **D. At the Camp-out**

1. Patrol flags and duty rosters must be displayed on all camp-outs.
2. Scouts will use the Patrol System for camp-outs such that All Scouts will share duties of cooking, cleaning, and setting up and breaking camp.
3. Scouts will respect the privacy of ALL Scouts. Scouts will not enter another's tent or look through another's belongings without permission.
4. Scouts will always use the buddy system and obtain permission from the SPL or an adult leader before leaving the campsite.
5. Each Scout will wash and dry his own gear (dishes/kit) after meals. The assigned crew will clean up the Patrol's cooking/serving gear.
6. IMPORTANT - It is the policy of the BSA NOT to allow any SHEATH KNIVES or folding LOCK BLADE KNIVES with a blade over 4" (inches) long to be worn or carried during any Scout functions or outings. The only exceptions are kitchen knives that may be used in the cooking area only, and must be stored in the patrol cooking equipment box. Any violation will result in an adult taking the knife from the Scout and returning it to his parents/guardians; and the Scout will lose his Totin' Chip card.
7. Axes and saws are to be used only by those Scouts who have earned the BSA Totin' Chip Card and then only for a task that requires the use of an ax or saw. In any case, saws and axes will only be used in accordance with Totin' Chip rules.
8. Bare feet are never allowed except in waterfront areas, or for swimming. At no time are open toe shoes to be worn in the axe yard or during meal preparation.
9. Radios, music/video players, and video games are not allowed at any camp site. With driver approval, these may be used during travel to and from the camp site. The Scoutmasters are not responsible for these items under any circumstances.
10. Fireworks or pyrotechnics are strictly forbidden.
11. Scouts must ask permission to enter other Patrol sites or adult areas.
12. Each Patrol will develop their own menu and duty roster; have them approved by the Senior Patrol Leader prior to the camp-out; and have them posted during the camp-out.
13. On backpacking trips, sealed fuel stoves designed for backpacking should be used.
14. Scouts will not light fires unless under the supervision of an adult leader. Fire safety rules will be followed at all times.
15. Each campsite WILL be left as clean, or cleaner, than it was found. Scouts will protect the environment by observing the Outdoor Code.

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE CAMPING GUIDELINES MAY RESULT IN THE SCOUT NOT BEING PERMITTED TO GO ON THE NEXT CAMPING TRIP.**