

CAMPOUT PLANNING FOR PATROL LEADERS

What to do & When to do it

To make sure things get done properly it is important to work backward from the campout date.

This sheet is meant only as a tool for your planning, a prescription for success.

THE PATROL MEETING AFTER THE CAMPOUT

- Evaluate the patrol's performance on the campout: organization, food, equipment, advancement, etc

THE MONDAY AFTER THE CAMPOUT:

- Find out from **patrol quartermaster** if all gear was turned in:

SUNDAY MORNING OF CAMPOUT:

-Sit down and evaluate the menu, program, preparedness of the Scouts. Take notes and keep with campout planning information for future trips.

- make sure that **patrol quartermaster or APL** has a list of who is taking which equipment home. Make sure all boys know what to do with what they take.

FRIDAY NIGHT OF THE CAMPOUT:

- Report any absences to SPL
- Be sure to attend PLC even if you are sleepy

NIGHT BEFORE CAMPOUT:

- make sure you have food. (check up on **grubmaster**)

MONDAY BEFORE CAMPOUT:

- Patrol quartermaster** checks out equipment from troop room:
 - Patrol bin, stove if needed, grates if needed, lantern, water containers
 - Tents for patrol members - mark names of users on tag on tent with date
 - Patrol tarp, if needed
- Get money and issue it to **grubmaster**, if appropriate. Have menu ready to be checked.
- Make sure members turn in permission and money (or make sure it is turned in if you collected it at your patrol meeting)

PATROL MEETING WEEKEND BEFORE:

- Finalize menu on menu form - double check quantities with someone knowledgeable
- Set a time and place for shoppers. Who will do it?
- Create duty roster - or have someone present it for approval by members
- Finalize which advancement requirements Scouts will work on at campout
- Collect permission forms and money - optional, can be the **patrol scribe's** job or **APL** (if you have it, then you know they are going)
- If patrol members don't have permission slip, give them one to turn in at troop meeting
- help **patrol quartermaster** create a list of equipment needed (as he is trained in his job you can just check over his work)
- Decide on tenting partners
- Prepare for program at camp
- call members not present, determine if they are going.

TWO MONDAYS BEFORE CAMPOUT:

- Pick up permission slips for members not present
- find out about campsite: What special equipment might be needed?
- find out about program: What do you need to prepare your members to know?

TWO PATROL MEETINGS BEFORE:

- Get patrol members excited about campout, find out who is planning to go.
- Prepare a menu or have a member present one for an advancement requirement
- Get members starting to think about any advancement that they might be able to get done at camp. If they don't know, be ready to suggest something that they need.
- Remind members to bring permission slip to patrol meeting. (Do so on phone call also)