



Cub Scout Camping – Advanced Insights

It's Not Hard to Have Fun with
Cub Scout Camping
Really!



Sir Robert Baden-Powell

“Scoutmasters need the capacity to enjoy the out-of-doors.”

“There is no teaching to compare with example.”

The same can be said of Cub Masters and Parents, thus this course is designed to help us all enjoy the out of doors and teach our sons.



Agenda

- Planning
- How to Camp



Planning

- Campout Coordinator
- Camping format – 1 night or 2?
- Camping format - Food
- Finding an appropriate place to camp
- Reserving a camping place
- Duty Roster
- Weather
- Backup planning “Plan B”
- Emergency Preparedness
- Collecting money



Planning

- Campout Coordinator
 - Leads an adult team in:
 - Determining interest, format, and date
 - Finding location and reserving
 - Sign-up List
 - Collecting money
 - Determining menu and obtaining food/ Pack gear
 - "Duty Roster"
 - "Plan B"



Planning

- Camping format – 1 night or 2?
 - Depending on your Pack experience, you can consider starting your camping adventure Friday night or Saturday.
 - 2 nights “feels like camping” but can tax newer campers
 - But we had all 14 new Tiger Cubs and families on our latest 3 day campout



Planning

- Camping format – Food
 - We'll discuss food "how" later
 - Pack cooking
 - "Or not"
 - A key determinant in how you want to camp
 - Cubs tend to do Pack cooking, Boy Scouts do Patrol cooking
 - Suggest in between – more later
 - Organization is the key though



Planning

- Finding an appropriate place to camp
 - Location – initially close (within 1 hour drive typically)
 - Allows a “bail out” option
 - Realize there will be some “coming and going” due to other family activities
 - Group Camping
 - Council campground
 - State/ local park – not in “site camping”
 - Preferably “grassy area”



Planning

- Finding an appropriate place to camp
 - Proper latrines or full toilets – both sexes
 - Latrines need “Plan B” – alternate available site known
 - Pump/ supplied water
 - Picnic tables – 2-3 minimum “communal” for each “Cooking Group” of approximately 25 people
 - Fire rings – 1 for Pack campfire, no other fires should be set
 - Secure



Planning

- Reserving a camping place
 - Find locations that allow reservations
 - Reserve several months in advance to avoid disappointment
 - Make sure that the first people to arrive are the ones who are empowered to “Check In”
- Maps
 - Provide maps to all going – specific meeting location



Planning

- Sign-up List
 - Necessity for:
 - Food determination and procurement
 - Location reservation
 - Health form requirement
 - Tour permit requirement
 - Overall safety – who is there?
 - Must be made clear that the participants must be on list to attend, no “walk-ups” due to safety requirements



Planning

- Collecting Money
 - Required if Pack is not paying for campout out of general funds
 - Necessity for:
 - Campsite fees
 - Food
 - Consumables
 - Non-refundable “per person” fee at sign-up
 - Estimate up front instead of “pay afterwards” - \$15 per person is good starting point
 - Fee not refundable if sign-up and don't attend since food, etc already paid for



Planning

- Campout Agenda
 - What activities will take place?
 - Consider by Tigers, Cubs, Webelos, Siblings
 - When are they scheduled?
 - Some families have other commitments, be flexible to allow their maximum participation
 - Schedule allows them to know how to plan their involvement



Planning

- Weather
 - What is the forecast?
 - Does everyone have gear for it?
 - Are Rain/ Sun Flies available if needed?
 - Will someone have a weather radio?
- Guide to Safe Scouting
 - Review for your activities



Planning

- Backup planning “Plan B”
 - Have plans for:
 - What if we need to cancel, how to inform everyone?
 - The weather looks to be turning very bad and it is too late to cancel
 - “Someone is in our campsite”



Planning

- Emergency Preparedness
 - Safety items
 - Is there a Pack (and/or Den) first aid kit?
 - Are there safety rules established and discussed?
 - No flames in tents
 - No running, esp with sticks
 - No Cubs tending/ playing in fire
 - Etc



Planning

- Emergency Preparedness
 - Emergency plan
 - What to do in case of severe weather?
 - Weather radios
 - Mobile phones and numbers shared
 - “Retreat plan”
 - What to do in a first aid or medical emergency?
 - Medical forms
 - First aid kit treatment
 - Medical facilities/ evacuation



How to Camp

- Pack Cooking (or not)
- Fire safety
- Camping Gear – family
- Camping Gear – pack
- Camping Gear – cooking group
- Helping the “Newbies”
- Leave no trace



How to Camp

- Pack Cooking
 - Simple meals are fine
 - But “hobo meals” make adults crazy (and hungry)
 - Show the guys how to cook!!!
 - Modified “Patrol Method” is a “Cooking Group”
 - Keep “cooking group” to 25 or less
 - More is very hard to cook for



How to Camp

- Pack Cooking
 - Ask the “vets” to bring gear
 - Based on “cooking group” gear list
 - Show the rookies what to bring
 - Stoves are a lot easier (and safer) than a campfire if used correctly
 - Use a “duty roster”
 - Food prep, cooking, clean-up, water, fire detail



How to Camp

Cooking Group





How to Camp – Duty Roster

	Fri Evening	Sat Breakfast	Sat Lunch	Sat Dinner	Sun Breakfast	Check out	
Cooking - prep stoves - cook/ prepare food							
Meal Preparation - obtain food for cooks - set up hand wash station - set cooked food for meal - control line for food							
Clean up - provide hot/ warm wash water - clean pack gear after meal - provide individual wash water/ rinse water - coordinate individual clean up							
Water detail - maintain water in coolers for drinking - provide filled fire buckets							
Campfire - set fire (campfire only) - police fire - extinguish fire							
Site Clean up							



How to Camp

- Or Not
 - Can do a “non-cooking” campout
 - Depends on the objective and destination
 - Dinner would be “everyone bring a dish” and then get fried chicken or similar
 - Be aware of food safety



How to Camp

- Fire Safety
 - Bring your own wood (careful about transport regulations)
 - Fire buckets
 - Single Pack Fire Ring only
 - Adults only
 - “Cool to the touch”



How to Camp

- Camping Gear – family
 - Doesn't need to be exotic or expensive
 - Tent (always buy for capacity of 2 people more than needed)
 - Ground tarp for tent
 - Air mattresses (except when cooler)
 - Three season sleeping bags or blankets
 - LED lantern
 - Personal gear and eating utensils (no paper/plastic)



How to Camp

- Camping Gear – Pack
 - First aid kit
 - Water jugs and fire buckets
 - Lanterns
 - Health form book
 - Dining/ Rain flies
 - Trash bags



How to Camp

- Camping Gear – per “Cooking Group”
 - 3 Stoves w/fuel
 - Pots/ pans
 - Utensils
 - 3 Wash basins
 - Soap/ bleach/ wash cloths/ dry cloths
 - Hot mitts
 - Hot water bucket
 - Coolers/ Ice
- Optional
 - 2 Dutch ovens
 - 2 Griddles
 - Grill
 - Coffee pot (so exactly how is that optional?)



How to Camp

Groups of 25 or so



Let the guys learn
– 3 basin clean up



How to Camp

- Helping the “Newbies”
 - All of us were Newbies at one time
 - Overviews at Pack meeting
 - Help with tent (at least) at camp site
 - Preferably a “New camper helper” assigned, but at least the “Veterans” look to help



How to Camp

- A Scout is Reverent
 - Consider a non-denominational service Sunday morning





How to Camp

- Final Thought
- Leave no trace guidelines for Cub Scouts
 1. Plan Ahead
 2. Stick to Trails
 3. Manage your Pet (pref leave at home)
 4. Leave what you find
 5. Respect other visitors
 6. Trash your trash



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