



ALL BSA RULES AND GUIDE TO SAFE SCOUTING REQUIREMENTS WILL BE FOLLOWED.
PACK LEADERSHIP IS IN CHARGE DURING SCOUTING ACTIVITIES.

Camping DOs:

- ✓ Always watch out for your child and know where they are at all times. Always enforce the “buddy system:” Each child should be with a buddy – and know where they if not with them Kids will need constant reminding.
- ✓ Do a trial set-up of your tent before you get on the camping trip. Make sure it is complete and you know how to put it up.
- ✓ Plan on the weather being colder than you think (sleeping bags have ratings – bring warmer ones than the forecast lows).
- ✓ Always bring rain gear (Cub Scout camping is usually fair-weather camping, but better safe than sorry)
- ✓ Always have a change of clothes for sleeping. This is mainly to stop you from getting cold due to moisture in the fabric, and also in case you have come into contact with poison ivy.
- ✓ Always have a tarp to put under your tent. Make sure none of it sticks out from the bottom of the tent or it will collect rain and make the inside of your tent wet.
- ✓ Get your child to do as much of the work in camping as possible (help putting up the tent, carrying stuff, etc).
- ✓ Air out your tent, tarp, and sleeping bags as soon as you return home to allow condensation to dry out (otherwise you get a musty smell that’s hard to shake).
- ✓ Store your sleeping bag loose when you get home, not in its stuff-sack, or it will lose its loft (loft gives it warmth).

Camping DON'Ts:

- X **Never be in a tent with a child who is not your own.** Adults and scouts do not need to be in a tent that is not their own.
- X No alcohol anywhere, anytime, ever.
- X No smoking of any kind (including vaping) on campgrounds
- X Except for law enforcement officers required to carry firearms within their jurisdictions, firearms shall not be brought on camping, hiking, backpacking, or other Scouting activities except for those specifically planned for target shooting under the supervision of a currently certified BSA national shooting sports director or National Rifle Association firearms instructor.
- X Never leave food/candy/chips or wrappers of any kind in your tent or in clothes in your tent. Please store all food items in a sealable container. Animals can smell it.
- X Cub Scouts should not have knives in Lion, Tiger, or Wolf ranks. Bears and higher ranks can only bring pocket knives if they have completed the Whittling Chip pocket knife achievement and if they also bring their Whittling Chip card or badge. No knives with a blade longer than the width of a child’s palm.
- X Avoid 100% cotton clothing. Cotton stays damp and makes you feel cold.
- X No swimming unless under the supervision of a certified lifeguard and no water sports without certified flotation devices (such as a life jacket) for all involved (regardless of swim ability).
- X Leave behind Nintendo DSs, iPods, or other electronics/game systems. This is the kids’ opportunity to get away from all that. Besides, they could get damaged or lost.



Pack 751 Camping Checklist

Camping Equipment

- Tent or tarp, poles, stakes
- Waterproof ground cloth or plastic sheet
- Sleeping bag, pillow, air mattress or pad
- Cot (optional)
- Clothesline (optional)
- Lantern and fuel (optional, but recommended)
- Hammer for tent stakes

Cooking Equipment

- Stove and fuel (optional)
- Waterproof matches (optional)
- "Mess Kit": Cup, bowl, plate, knife, fork, spoon, carry container (per person)
- Cooler with ice
- Meal plan and food
- Cooking utensils (foil, pots, pans, spatulas, pot holders, etc.)
- Dish soap
- Basin for washing dishes
- Sponge or scrubby
- Garbage bags
- Paper towels

Clothing

- Cub Scout Class A Uniform (formal)
- Class B Pack 751 t-shirt
- Poncho or raincoat
- Warm jacket or sweatshirt
- Pajamas or sweatshirt/sweatpants
- Underwear
- Durable shoes/hiking boots
- Shorts or pants
- Socks
- Extra socks, underwear, shirts, etc
- Hat or cap
- Backpack

Toiletries

- Part A and B Medical forms, one for each adult and child
- Commitment to Transport form, one per minor
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Comb or brush
- Hand sanitizer
- Washcloth or towel
- Medications
- Deodorant
- Hair elastics
- Chapstick (optional)
- Soap
- Toilet paper

Cub Scout 6 Essentials

- Sunscreen & sun protective clothing/hat
- Whistle
- Flashlight/headlamp with batteries
- Water bottle filled with water
- Trail food (see cooking equipment)
- First aid kit

Extras

- Work gloves
- Pruners
- Small rake, other brush-clearing tools
- Lawn chairs/ folding chairs per person
- Sunglasses
- Insect repellent
- Folding table (optional)
- Water containers
- Hatchet or ax (for adult use only)
- Kindling
- Fishing rods and gear
- Personal cooler with drinks & snacks
- Bucket of water for each campfire
- Marshmallow roasting sticks



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SUMMARY

Who doesn't love a glowing campfire at the end of the day? However, to make sure it won't be your tent that burns, let's look at some good fire safety practices.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Handbooks for each program have useful tips for campfires. Here are a few highlights:

Environmental conditions

- Leaders should understand the local campfire regulations or requirements.
- A leader should be in eyesight of the campfire at all times. If that is not possible, the campfire should either not be started, or should be extinguished.
- A campfire should never be started the morning of departure.
- Beware of current fire conditions, especially if it has been dry and windy. Check for any active burn ban.
- Consider wind direction and projected size of fire before starting.

Maintain your campsite

- Use an established campfire ring, if available, and keep your campfire size appropriate.
- Be sure your fire is a minimum of 15 feet from tents, shrubs, trees, or other flammable objects. Always check for low-hanging branches above the fire.
- Store matches, lighters, and items used as fire starters in a secure waterproof

box or bag outside of your tent. In bear country, store away from your campsite.

Additives and Fire Extinguishing

- Additives to the fire are prohibited. This includes chemicals, accelerants, color-changers, and other flame-enhancing products like Magical Flames™.
- Avoid cooking over a fire where chemicals or additives have been previously used.
- NEVER cook over a fire that was used for a flag retirement ceremony.
- Always extinguish campfires properly. Ensure campfires are completely cold-out. Do a test on cooled ash for any sign of heat before you consider the fire extinguished.
- Campfires should be extinguished at least an hour prior to bed or leaving the site. All campfires should be checked to make sure they are cool one hour after they have been extinguished.

Emergency Response

- Never leave a campfire unattended. Prepare a unit fireguard, and practice it.
- Always have a shovel/rake and water or other extinguishing materials handy.
- A full bucket of water and a shovel or rake should always be next to an active campfire.
- Be prepared to respond to burns or someone on fire with "Stop, drop, and roll."