

CHS Campsite Primer - What to Expect Before Camp

If this is your first time at the gorgeous and wild Camp Hi-Sierra, you will love it! The program and the staff are a blast. But the heart of every troop experience at camp is the campsite, and since every summer camp is different, here are a few things to expect from our sites...

1) **Location** - Campsites are relatively close but uphill. Gear must be hand-carried; no cars. You may have heard that CHS has nearly all of its program on a flat area of land, very close together except for the boating and shooting areas. This is true, but the campsites, while relatively close in distance, are uphill and can be a bit of a steep hike. One very low down campsite is reserved for real handicap use, which must be arranged before camp with camp director Bruce Lee. Because campsites are also across a river, and we work with the forest service to prevent environmental damage and erosion, no vehicles may drive gear to the campsites. Expect scouts to have to hand-carry or cart gear up to camp. Adult leaders who have medical issues doing uphill hikes should consult their doctor or the camp director. The whole camp is also at 5,000 feet elevation, which means much more dehydration and energy expenditure as you climb.

***Parking Limitation** - There are **limited** temporary parking spaces, **including the drop-off area**. Please group scouts into more than one or two per vehicle if at ALL possible, and please warn parents they will want to unpack cars and leave as quickly as they can.

2) **Resources (Materials)** - All campsites have these materials.

- Latrine with 2 flush toilets - Please help keep clean.
- Hand Washing Station, Water Fountain, and Hose.
- Flagpole, Flag, Picnic Table w/Rainfly, and Trash can.
- Campfire Ring and one set Broom, Shovel, and Rake for general use and as "Fire Tools".
- Canvas Wall Tents on Wooden Platforms [No sleeping materials are provided].
- Patrol Box - For storing flag and refillable supplies [TP, Soap, Urinal Cakes], please have scouts refill from chemical room or commissioner shack when out [Location will be shown].
- Bulletin Board - With general info, blank duty rosters, and a fire chart to be filled out. You may use your own rosters.
- No electricity - but if leaders would like to charge devices or store personal items, there are cubic foot lockboxes with AC outlets in the back at the Shower Building and the Trading Post.
- There are no provided cots for adults or youth.
- **No Bear Boxes = No Food in Sites** - Critters will come to eat it. There has not been a bear sighting in camp in the past decade. Please help us keep it that way. Certain foods may be kept with the kitchen by prior arrangement. Meals or desserts can be cooked in camp if you pack out trash before bed, and clean up. Medically necessary food for diabetics can be kept in a lockable medbox the health lodge will provide - if so, let your commissioner know.

3) **Campsite Projects** - How to Go About It and Use it For Tribe

If you are into doing service / camp improvement projects in your site, THAT IS AMAZING! We encourage service projects throughout the camp with our tribe program. However, they do still have to be approved by the camp director and ranger before you start. If you are interested in bringing your own materials to donate to a project, again, please contact the camp director before you come to camp.