

CHS Campsite Primer - Now That You Are Here

Now that you have arrived in camp and reached your campsite, here are a few resources...

1) Check-In Signature - Remember to take a moment during check-in to inspect your campsite for any damage upon arrival. Help the troop guide note it down on their sheet, and then sign off on it, so that we do not try to bill you for anything that was there when you arrived.

2) Resources (Materials) - All campsites should have the following materials.

- Latrine with 2 flush toilets - Please help keep clean.
- Hand Washing Station, Water Fountain, and Hose.
- Flagpole, 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 and blank duty rosters. 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.

3) 3 Big Rules

- **Fire** - Fires may be only knee-high. Camp is dry and in a national forest. Please take care, and assign a fire warden to supervise. Staff will ask you to put out fires that are too large.
- **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 the remains before bed, and clean up. Medically necessary food for diabetics can be kept in the lockable medbox the health lodge will give out - if so, let your commissioner know.
- **Quiet Time** - 10 PM is quiet time. 11 PM is lights out. Quiet lasts until reveille at 7 AM. If you do an early activity like Polar Bear, please be respectful of others, and keep relatively quiet on your way to and from the activity until 7.

4) Resources (Personnel) - You Commissioner, Troop Guide, and the Staff.

- **Commissioner** - Your commissioner is your best resource for your campsite. Every morning, they will show up to inspect camp for the boys [it helps them earn advancement in tribe and motivates them to keep things nice], but also to answer any questions that you may have, and ask how things have been going. You may also seek them out during the day around camp or at their campsite. They focus on the campsite and its materials, but are experts in many subjects at camp, and can help you decide who to address your questions to, even if you find one they cannot answer themselves.
- **Troop Guide** - Your troop guide will show you around camp on the first day. They also try to check in with troops throughout the week, and are a good point person for you to ask questions of if you see them throughout the day.

- **Staff** - While your troop guide is a great familiar face, the rest of the staff are also quite knowledgeable, and will do their best to help you or find someone who can! And if you invite them to campfires, they can approve skits from your troop for the Friday night campfire!

5) Campsite Access - Campsites are relatively close but uphill. Gear must be hand-carried; no cars.

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. Only official camp or emergency vehicles are permitted to cross the river. Adult leaders who have medical issues doing uphill hikes should consult their doctor or the camp director.

6) 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 - in fact some ranks require a scout to participate in one. Projects in your campsite are useful if you plan to stay there in future years. However, they do still have to be approved by the camp director and ranger before you start. That way, we can also help you get the tools and materials you need. The approving person or a designated commissioner is also the target for scouts who have completed the project and want their requirement signed off.

7) Responsibilities

- **Latrine Cleaning** - We ask that you assign your scouts to a regular latrine-cleaning rotation. Instructions and a roster should be posted when you arrive - you can use your own roster, but if you do, please leave our blank roster under it for future weeks; it saves paper 😊
- **Stewart Duty** - Camp eats family style, so we ask that you assign scouts for each meal to come down to the Dining Knoll shortly before meals to set up. A blank roster is provided.
- **Fire Warden** - Please assign a fire warden to control and supervise every fire in your campsite. There is a roster / sign-off sheet provided upon arrival.
- **Troop Shower Cleaning** - We ask that each troop takes a turn at cleaning one of our fancy shower buildings during the week. A sign-up sheet will be in the office, and will be pointed out at the first Leader's Meeting. Scouts may use this for certain tribe requirements!
- **Signing Out** - Whenever any of your scouts or adults leaves camp, please have them sign out at the office. We need to know who is on our property at all times, for emergency plan purposes. If you would like to go on a troop hike or overnight, that IS AMAZING, and we would love to help you plan it - just make sure you have proper supervision and sign out.
- **End of Week Cleanup** - Before you leave, we ask that you thoroughly trash sweep and clean your campsite. Troops guides will be helping this process, and commissioners signing off on it before you leave. If you are planning to leave early, let the office know so they can have staff and commissioners ready, and help ease your way back home 😊

Thanks for reading!
The CHS 2018 Commissioners