

# TROOP 22 CAMPING POLICY



*Be Prepared*

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Troop 22 will go camping both as a troop and as individual/groups or patrols. In either case, the Troop will camp under its own registered leadership, always using the trained "two-deep" leadership policy of BSA.

Troop 22 will always use tents designed for two boys, because larger tents cannot be backpacked. This will allow us to go on "high adventure" camping trips. It is a BSA policy that no one scout sleeps in a tent alone.

Scouts will cook by patrol on all camping trips unless given other instruction by the Senior Patrol Leader and Scoutmaster. Cooking by patrol helps strengthen the patrol and teaches teamwork. Duty rosters must be posted.

Scouts carry their packs to the campsite instead of riding because physical fitness and self reliance are two of our objectives. Scouts learn not only how to do things for themselves, but also how much they can do. Troop 22's camping emphasis is on adventure rather than convenience. Scout camping demands skill and know-how.

Use of gas stoves and lanterns are restricted to adults and to scouts who have individually demonstrated their ability to use them, and have special permission from the Scoutmaster or other adult leader. **NO FLAMES IN TENTS!!! THIS MEANS NO LIGHTERS!!!**

We will leave nothing behind anywhere. We will bury no garbage or trash. Combustible material may be burned if local regulations permit; otherwise, carry it back home along with cans, bottles and foil; or deposit trash in trash receptacles if available.

Our Scout uniforms will always be properly worn both to and from the campsite. Let everyone know we are a Scout Troop.

Misconduct on a Troop camping trip will not be tolerated and may result in cancellation of the rest of the camping trip. This applies to ALL who are participating on a Troop camping trip. **The Scoutmaster and registered adult leaders have final say in all matters concerning Troop camping policy while on a camping trip.**

Each Scout, in order to participate in a specific trip, **MUST** have a health form on file, including proper information on required medicines. It is the responsibility of the Scout to see that he takes his medicine.

On campouts, the troop furnishes two man tents. No cots are allowed because they damage the floors of the tents. Troop boxes containing cooking gear are also provided. Each scout will accept responsibility for care of troop equipment and is expected to repair or replace damaged troop equipment, including tents. Each Scout is responsible for his tent.

The National Scout Jamboree is held every four years (1993 and 1997, etc.). *Go this time, there may not be a next time.*

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## The Troop 22 campout routine is as follows:

- **#1 - Respect each other and their belongings. This includes your leaders and each and every Scout.**
- Always use the patrol method.
- Never ask the Scoutmaster first. Ask your Patrol Leader first, then the Senior Patrol leader.
- Always assume that the campout will take place as scheduled, even in inclement weather.
- Always follow the Quartermaster's directions. He is responsible for loading the trailer and assuring the proper gear is brought on the campout.
- Always follow the Outdoor Code on a camping trip.
- Always wash personal gear first and save the troop/patrol gear for last.
- Always scrub out the wash tubs after each use.
- Always travel to and from the campout in class "A" uniform.
- Always have troop and patrol duty rosters before leaving on the campout.
- Any hot meals should be cooked, as opposed to heated.
- Always have patrol menus approved by an Asst. Scoutmaster for your patrol.
- Each patrol is responsible to buy their own food and provide coolers if required.
- Always buy butter, mustard, ketchup, and mayonnaise in squeeze bottles.
- Always pack meat that will bleed and other things such as fresh fruit and vegetables in a clean plastic bag. Keep the ice in the cooler so that it may be used for drinks.
- The Quartermaster must make sure the troop has scrub pads, dish washing liquid, paper towels, bleach, aluminum foil, toilet paper, garbage bags and salt & pepper in the patrol boxes.
- Always get the adult leader's permission before leaving the camping area.
- Always leave the camping area with buddy and stay with him at all times.
- Never fold up a tent before it has been thoroughly cleaned and inspected by the Quartermaster.
- Never use an ax, saw, or knife without your Totin' Chip in your pocket.
- Never use matches without your Fireman Chit in your pocket.
- Driving: It is the policy of Troop 22 that each driver hauling Scouts be at least 21 years old. We are aware that BSA states an 18 year old can drive as long as someone in the car is at least 21. We are concerned with safety and have decided to go with the 21 year old rule.

## Never bring the following when camping:

- Sheathed knife (not allowed by Boy Scout regulations and not needed)
- Electronic entertainment (Walkman, Gameboy, etc.).
- Sling shots, bows, arrows, firearms (including BB or pellet guns), fireworks, or ammunition
- Pop, candy, or snacks unless otherwise stated.
- Liquid fuel, lighters