

Cub Pack 662

The Do's and Don'ts of Campouts

The Number One rule of our Cub Scout campouts is to have fun. But it's not possible to have fun memories of a campout if someone is injured or has a frightening experience while camping. The best way to ensure a safe campout is to make sure everyone understands *and follows* the following Do's and Don'ts:

Do's

1. Have fun and be safe.
2. A parent or guardian must accompany the scout for the duration of the campout. The parent or guardian must be an immediate family member who lives with the boy. Unless married, adult males and females must sleep in separate tents (BSA rules).
3. Every parent or guardian has the obligation to stop unsafe or inappropriate behavior, even if it is not their child who is performing the action. No parent should be offended that another adult has intervened with their child when safety is an issue.
4. Please leave all radios, stereos, MP3 players and electronic games at home.
5. Leave your pets at home.
6. Ask before moving any picnic tables.
7. Quiet time is 10:00 pm. The only sounds that should be heard after this are the owls and crickets.

Don'ts

1. No fires except in the central fire pit.
2. No generators. The Pack does have a generator for special needs and events.
3. No axes or hatchets. Boys (and parents) will have plenty of opportunities to slice their leg open and get stitched up in Boy Scouts.
4. No firearms or fireworks.
5. No alcohol.
6. No smoking in camp or during group camp activities (hikes, games, etc.).
7. No cutting of trees or shrubs. We may occasionally remove dead snags or limbs in coordination with the camp ranger.
8. No knives unless the boy has a whittling chip and then only a pocketknife. Tigers and Wolves should never have a knife. It doesn't matter if Dad says it's okay; it's not okay by BSA rules.
9. No running in camp, around the tents, or firepit.
10. No stick or "sword" fighting.
11. Never go in anyone else's tent, even if invited.
12. No watercraft or swimming activities.

Skinned knees and dirty fingers and clothes are indicative of a good time and are rightly encouraged - even for adults.