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SEPTEMBER PACK MEETING

A SCOUT IS HELPFUL

Topics:
Fundraising
Meetings
Camping
Advancement

Dates to Remember:

Sept 25 – Pack meeting
Oct 15 – CubORee

Pack Calendar:

<https://pack4380.org/calendar.html>

Contact your Den Leader or our Committee Chair ASAP if you cannot attend.

Cubmaster Minute:

“Being a hero doesn’t mean you must risk your own life. It can mean getting help, or making a phone call to 911 to get the police, fire department, or ambulance. The key is to use wisdom and judgment, but to do it quickly. Sometimes time is limited. You can save a drowning person by pulling them in with a life ring and not become a victim yourself by jumping in after them. Many times, an adult’s life has been saved because a child knew to call 911 in an emergency and get help right away. “You never know when or where emergencies will arise. Cub Scouting teaches us to come to the rescue and handle these situations. We don’t expect to get hurt, and don’t expect to need first aid, but we are prepared just in case. Do Your Best!”

Camping Supplies

If you’re new to camping, you’re in a great state (Texas) as we’ve a wide assortment of options. Shopping for camping gear can be a daunting task... Frightening even... But rest easy... There are a lot of resources and few requirements for family camping. The biggest requirement is to be comfortable. No-one will require you to sleep on a pad under a tarp/lean-to. That is saved for older scouts and wilderness survival. Instead, bring that queen-sized air mattress, sheets, comfy blankets. Enjoy!

When it comes to tents, everyone has their preference and need. That is why there are so many different sizes and companies. A basic “cabin” tent can be found at Walmart for around \$100. There are some newer designs called “tunnel” tents that I watched some families using recently. You’ve hexagon tents, dome tents, tents with large screened in vestibules (fancy word for front porch.) The point is you need to choose what is going to fit your space needs (a four-person tent is four sleeping bags side by side). I try to side on the larger size for comfort.

Next item is what to sleep upon. Again, don’t dive headfirst unless you’re really ready. I’ve had the air mattress and it worked great! I also have cots, which work just as well, but have less electrical need (or pump action).

Sleeping bags vs bedding. Again, depending on what you’re most comfortable with. If you go the sleeping bag route, keep in mind that they all have temperature ratings. That number is not the “comfort” zone, but the “keep you alive” zone. Bring blankets to augment. Its easier to cool down in the night by removing a layer, not so easy to warm up if you’ve nothing to add. Been there, done that.

Last items.

Camping chairs... You’re going to want to have a seat...

Mess kits. Yes, we’re scouters. We try to not damage the environment. Mess kits are key. Now, you don’t have to go out and spend a ton of money. Plastic plates and utensils all work the same. Watch for end-of-season sales at Kroger for plasticware. Or bump it up a notch with enameled steel. Every campout that



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the pack is on, we will have a washing station.

Water bottle and cup. Again, we're scouters. We don't want to create trash. Every scout should have a water bottle, and for adults who want coffee (I do, I do) an outdoor safe cup/mug.

Campout Safety Checklist

Camping is a long-honored tradition for many families, including the BSA family. Timing, supplies, and location should be determined ahead of time so you can make the most of your camping experience. There might be some instances where you overthink or underestimate a camping trip, but there are also many ways to enjoy the adventure, fun, discovery, and teamwork involved. A campout safety checklist will help to ensure these aspects of camping are accomplished while keeping you safe.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Camping can be enjoyable in almost any area—from the backcountry to summer camp, as well as national high-adventure bases, to name a few. When you decide on a camping trip, you need to consider who, what, where, when, how, and why.

Here are a few items to check off on your Campout Safety Checklist:

- **Documentation Needed**—This includes medical records, guidebooks, and permission slips. A Scout leader can ensure your safety as well as his or her own when you are both better informed of any limitations, hazards, or permissions.
- **Training**—General training, such as Youth Protection training, CPR/first aid, and Hazardous Weather, or specific training, such as Trek Safely or Wilderness First Aid, gives you the confidence to know what to do in the event of an emergency.
- **Planning**—Planning is important. Become familiar with your campsite location and do some research about the weather, licensing/permit requirements, and project or activity guidelines so you can be prepared.
- **Equipment**—Plan for vehicles involved or tools necessary for your camping experience. Also consider trailer requirements and first-aid or emergency kits.
- **Emergency Planning**—A prepared Scout is a confident Scout. Keep a cellphone handy as well as a list of local authorities (fire department, police, hospitals, etc.) in case an emergency occurs, such as inclement weather or a lost Scout. If you are in the backcountry, canyons, or a remote location, coverage may be one to two hours away. A GPS tracking/messaging device is helpful in these locations. For more information, visit [REI.com](https://www.rei.com) 
- **Program**—Know your program. There should be age-appropriate activities, safety equipment, proper supervision, and a discussion on potential hazards.

RESOURCES

- [Campout Safety Checklist](#) 
- [Guide to Safe Scouting, "Camping"](#)



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Quick Notes

- **Recruiting!** It's never too early to start thinking about inviting new families to join Scouting. If you know of anyone that might be interested in joining Pack 4380 please let us know and we can get them information about upcoming events!
- **Camp Cards!** Our spring fundraiser will start in March. Remember that you will be able to add \$5 for every card you sell to your own scout account! Please see Wesley Keller for more information.



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Pack People to Know

Position	2019-2020	2020-2021
Cubmaster	Shon Whigham	Wesley Keller
Assistant Cubmaster		
Pack Committee Chair	Wesley Keller	Terri Childress
Treasurer	Gina Goudy	Gina Goudy
Membership	Terri Childress	Terri Childress
Pack Secretary	Terri Childress	Patricia Keller
Recruiting Chair		
Advancement Coordinator	Amber Whigham	Wesley Keller
Webmaster	Wesley Keller	Wesley Keller
Blue & Gold	Webelos 2 Leaders	
Service Projects		
Pinewood Derby		
Fundraising	Wesley Keller	Wesley Keller
Training Chair	Bill Hulse	Wesley Keller
Outdoor Chair	Wesley Keller	Wesley Keller
Grub Master	Curtis Childress	Curtis Childress
Summer Camp Coordinator		
STEM Coordinator		
T-Shirt/Pack Closet Coordinator	Jennifer Robertson	

See a job that you could do in your sleep?

See multiple jobs being done by one person?

See a spot you could fill? Don't be shy...