

How to Break Camp

Before you open the tent:

- Roll up your sleeping bag
- Roll up your sleeping pad
- Put your daytime clothes on; be prepared to stay outside the tent once you leave it.
- Put your sleeping clothes in your pack
- Once your gear is stowed, open the tent

Before you eat breakfast (or cook!):

- Move your GEAR to the middle of the campsite (NOT under the kitchen fly)
- Take out the tent STAKES, knock them against each other to get the dirt off, and put them in the stake bag that goes with your tent. Put them in the stake bag, and put the stake bag in the tent bag.
- Open your tent to let it AIR OUT
- Look at the rain fly. If it is wet on the OUTSIDE, unhook it from the tent and turn the wettest side toward the sun. If there is a place to hang it up, hang it there so the tent will dry, too. Someone from your patrol should keep turning it often so that it dries quickly.
- Unless you are cooking, stay out of the kitchen!

After breakfast (cooks):

- Make 100 % sure that all COOKING FIRES are OUT and COLD.
- Set up wash basins if needed.
- Pack up your patrol's food.
- Make sure patrol gear is clean. Clean any that is not clean.
- Pack up your patrol box
- TURN OFF THE GAS, then disconnect propane hoses from stove, disconnect hoses from tree, and remove tree from cylinder.
- Move food, cooler, patrol box, stove, stove stand, lantern, tree, hoses, and propane cylinder out from under the kitchen fly.
- Move trash bags out from under the kitchen fly

- Move troop gear (like the first aid kit and the box that has the stake hammers and ropes in it) out from under the kitchen fly.
- Help take down the kitchen fly:
 - Take down the center pole if there is one.
 - Take down the side poles. Leave the ropes attached to the stakes.
 - Take down the corner poles. Leave the ropes attached to the stakes.
 - Remove the stakes and ropes, and stow them.
 - Shake out each tarp, fold it, and put it in the bag.
- Dump the wash basins if they were used, and stow sponges and steel wool in patrol box.
- Move the patrol boxes to the truck loading area.
- Move the propane cylinders, trees, hoses, stoves, stove stands, and wash basins to the truck loading area.
- Move troop gear to the truck loading area.
- Move the tarps, poles, stakes, and ropes to the truck loading area, WELL OFF TO THE SIDE.
- Move the coolers and food to the truck loading area, WELL OFF TO THE SIDE.
- Move trash bags to the truck loading area, WELL OFF TO THE SIDE.

After breakfast (unless you are a cook):

- Wash your personal eating gear if you used it.
- Once the outside of the rain flies for your patrol's tents are dry, turn them inside out so that the **In**sides will dry. Turn them often to keep the wettest sides toward the sun.
- Once each fly is dry, pack it temporarily so that the tent will dry.
- Turn the wettest sides of the **T**ents toward the sun. Turn often to keep the wettest sides toward the sun until dry.
- Once a tent is dry, take the **P**oles out of the tent and fold them up. Then:
 - Take the rain fly out of the bag. Don't put it down on wet grass; keep it dry!
 - Put the tent poles in the tent bag.
 - Put the tent in the tent bag.
 - Put the rain fly in the tent bag. (You want it on top in case you have to set up the tent in the rain.)
 - Put the ground sheet in the bin

- Bring the tents and ground sheets to the truck loading area. If the patrol boxes and propane cylinders are not already loaded, put them off to the side, but near the back of the truck.

Before leaving the campsite:

- Police the area around your campsite. It does NOT matter how the trash got there. If nature did not put it there and it is not part of the campsite (like a fire ring or platform), PICK IT UP!
- Make 100% sure that all FIRES are OUT and COLD.
- If any dirt was moved for any reason, put it back.
- If anything in the campsite was moved (other than to improve the campsite), put it back.
- Check for lost or mislaid items under platforms, in the latrine, and around the latrine.

Before leaving the camp:

- Police the public areas. If nature did not put it there and it is not part of the campsite (like a fire ring or platform), then PICK IT UP!
- Check again for lost or mislaid items under platforms, in the latrine, and around the latrine.