

HILLS DISTRICT SCOUT CAMP
INSPECTION NOTES (2024)

1. CAMPSITE & GENERAL

- 1.1 Patrol campsite, boundaries & patrol name..... Each patrol to have an individual patrol site area. Patrol site to have visible boundaries (fences). Patrol name to be visible on patrol site.
- 1.2 Grounds clean & tidy..... Just that (no lolly papers, food scraps etc)
- 1.3 Clear of hazards..... No unhealthful axes/bush saws lying on the ground, no low clothes lines or logs lying in thoroughfares, no trip hazards, star pickets to be capped, chairs not to be left around fires etc
- 1.4 Patrol clothes line..... To be built using pioneering skills (no star pickets). Should be large enough and strong enough to carry the entire patrols sleeping bags and other wet clothes or items. (ie/ 5 patrol members then 5 bags). It should be placed so as not to create a hazard.
- 1.5 Patrol site layout – practical, workable & safe... Marked Saturday Only. Patrol sites should have a logical and practical flow to them which makes them workable overall. Fire place should be located safely but near to dining shelter, tent entrance should open to dining shelter or other open area, safe and hazard free gateway entrance to patrol site.

2. TENT

- 2.1 Poles secure and straight..... Just that. Dome/tunnel tents to be properly put up and adjusted.
- 2.2 Guy lines taut, correct knots used..... Just that. Dome/tunnel tents that have the provision for storm guys shall have the storm guys in place and pegged out. (No truckies or hay hitches.)
- 2.3 Tent pegs secure and located correctly.... Just that. Tent pegs should be lined up or form a circle or line depending on tent type. Guy ropes or elastics not to be buried in the dirt.
- 2.4 Walls brailed Weather permitting tents must be brailed to allow ventilation to flow. Auto tents and large dome/tunnel tents must be opened each end to attain ventilation. Dome/tunnel tents must be fully opened, fly screens where in place zippered and windows open. Tents to be half brailed **only after rain.**
- 2.5 Floors clean Nothing on the floor except a little grass and maybe a little sand. There should be no paper, food wrappers or the like.
- 2.6 Packs & bags neat & closed Packs, suitcases, sports or duffle bags must be closed, latched, strapped or zippered.
- 2.7 General tidiness Just that – to please the eye of the examiner.

3. KITCHEN SHELTER

- 3.1 Ridge secure, uprights straight, lashed.... Ridge to be lashed to uprights, upright poles to be straight
- 3.2 Guy lines taut Just that.
* Rope on dining fly - Rolling hitches to be used to secure ropes to pegs for fly.
* Ridge poles guy ropes - Rolling hitches or truckies hitches on ridge guy ropes (or storm guy ropes).
- 3.3 Pegs secure and located correctly..... Just that. Tent pegs should form a straight line along sides. Guy ropes or elastics not to be buried in the dirt.
- 3.4 Ground clear No food scraps or papers etc.
- 3.5 Table clean No residue or greasy film, no food scraps.
- 3.6 Clear access both ends Entry not blocked by guy ropes, patrol boxes or the like.

4. HYGIENE

- 4.1 Cooking utensils clean & dry All utensils in the patrol camp site to be clean & dry.
- 4.2 Cooking utensils neatly stored knives sheathed... Containers, billies, dixies etc to be stored neatly inside patrol box. Billies to be stored upside down on racks to allow drainage for drying. Knives to be sheathed. Where cooking equipment is stored in plastic boxes such boxes must be ventilated.
- 4.3 Cooking & Drinking water Minimum quantity to be available 15 ltrs. There should be at least this minimum after each meal (ie/ prior to the start of the next activity). **Note – cordial not counted.**
- 4.4 Hand washing facilities and Hand Sanitiser..... Soap and a dish of water to be provided for hand washing. The condition of the water to be reasonable. To be available at all times. Soap not to be left in water. Water to be replaced after each meal.
Hand Sanitiser also to be provided on patrol site.
- 4.5 Eating utensils clean Just that. No food residue, greasy film etc.
- 4.6 Eating utensils in bags & hung in shelter Eating utensils should be in a cotton draw string bag. (**Plastic & mesh bags are not acceptable as they are not hygienic or let the dirt in**) Bags with utensils inside to be hung in the kitchen shelter in a place where they will not get wet. One per patrol member.
- 4.7 Washing up facilities clean No greasy rings on tubs or bowls. No left over washing up water or food scraps. After each meal washing up tubs should be placed upside down to drain and dry.
- 4.8 Tea towels clean & tidy Used wet tea towels should be hung on clothes line and secured with clothes pegs. Tea towels **should not** be stored in utensil bags. Unused tea towels should be kept in patrol box or other patrol storage box.

5. FIRE PLACE

- 5.1 Fireplace and gas stoves/BBQs..... * Fire place **must** to be available and safely located on site (ideally 3m from tents or canvas, clear of overhead tree hazards, & clear of all obstructions for 2m around). Fire place should be structurally sound (not built from timber frames or covered by any low level sheeting).
* **Fire Place must be used for cooking and cleaning up all night time meals.**
* Gas stoves / BBQ's – are **optional** and can **only** be use for cooking breakfast and lunch. Please ensure gas stove/BBQ is safely located.
- 5.2 Area clear (Hazards & combustible materials etc.) Area adjacent to fire place and/or gas stove/BBQ to be free of combustible material, hazards (seats, chairs, logs, water containers, axes, trolleys, paper etc).
- 5.3 Fire Extinguishment methods * **Buckets Only** - One (1) to be full with sand, One (1) to be full with water. (**To top lip of bucket. NOT half full**). The buckets should NOT be located together. They should be located taking into the fireplace and/or gas stove or BBQ. Suggested position is 2m from fire place and/or gas BBQ. Ideal location is on way to fire place/gas store or BBQ from kitchen shelter.
* **Bucket Water & Fire Blanket** - One (1) bucket to be full with water (**To top lip of bucket. NOT half full**) and a **fire blanket to be hung up**. The bucket and fire blanket should NOT be located together. They should be located taking into the fireplace and/or gas stove or BBQ. Suggested position is 2m from fire place and/or gas BBQ. Ideal location is on way to fire place/gas store or BBQ from kitchen shelter.
- 5.4 Firewood on site, sufficient, neat & covered A reasonable stock of **varying sizes** of material stacked neatly under a cover. There should be sufficient firewood on the patrol site to last the weekend.
- 5.5 Axe/bush saw sheathed & safely located Axe or bush saw to have cutting edge fitted with a protective cover when not in use. Axe or bush saw to be stored safely in wood store or other safe location on patrol site. There is to be one per patrol.

6. PATROL FOOD STORAGE

6.1 Patrol Food Stored on Patrol Site, sheltered from sun & Rain.....

That all patrol food for the weekend shall be kept on the Patrol Site. Food storage to be sheltered and protected from sun, rain and wildlife or other animals.

Note – esky, fridge or other cold storage unit can be used.

We do not judge the actual cold storage unit. Items inside need to be kept in a proper manner as per item 6.3.

6.2 Food safe from ants, flies & animals

Food storage containers to be closed properly with lids secured to protect stored items from ants, flies wildlife and other animals.

6.3 Food storage clean, neat & tidy

Food storage and food containers to be:-

- * Be neat and tidy
- * Clean with no spilt foods
- * All containers to be clean and lids on properly
- * Perishable foods **not to be** left out of cold storage.

6.4 Rubbish bin adequate

Minimum size of 30L, must have lid, must have bin liner.

6.5 Recycling container adequate

No minimum size. Capable of holding recyclable materials (eg/ glass, paper, metal).

6.6 Rubbish/Recycling -lid on and secured...

Container to be closed with lid secured in place. Lid should be easily opened and resealed

6.7 Dry rubbish only.....

ONLY dry rubbish in containers. (ie/ food scraps in rubbish bin after fluid has been drained off into wet pit, clean rubbish in recycling container)

CAMP GADGETS – (Bonus points - Judged Sunday Morning)

Examples

- Internal clothesline for tent
- Shoe rack
- Washing up stand
- Hand washing stand
- Gateway