

# HINTS AND TIPS FOR THE OVERNIGHT CAMPER!

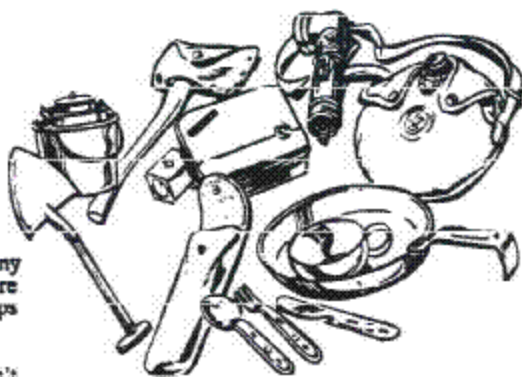


All good Scouts will probably go on many overnight camping trips this summer. Here are some hints and tips to make your trips easier and more comfortable.

Get well organized beforehand . . . and don't cram your pack with more stuff than you'll need. Start with your pack and see what you'll have to carry.

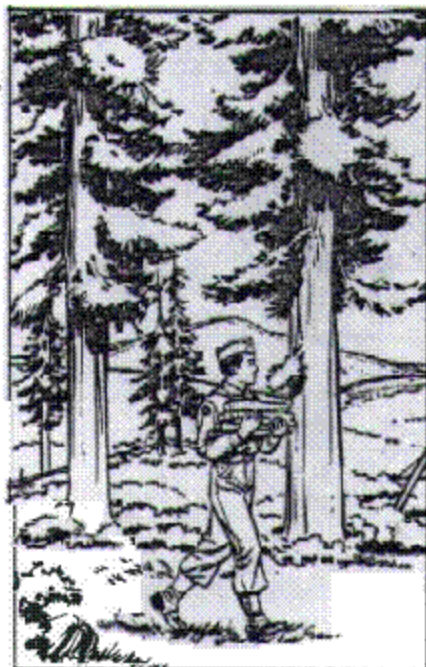
## CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT:

Wear your Scout uniform and official shoes or other clothing suited to the territory. It's good to have a scout knife, matches in a waterproof container, canteen, first aid kit, axe in its case (*in your pack*), flashlight, a small notebook and pencil, a few safety pins. A pair of pajamas, an extra pair of socks, a sweater or a lumberjack, a poncho or rain coat. Put small items you won't use often in a ditty bag.



## COOKING AND EATING GEAR—

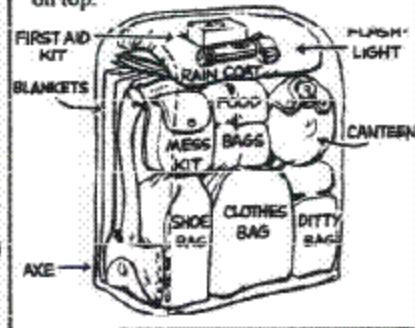
Plate, fork, knife, spoon, cup, etc., all in a canvas or plastic bag. Soap, towel, tooth brush and paste, comb, metal mirror—all in another bag. Toilet tissue, blankets or a sleeping bag, a small spade, tent.



## LOCATING YOUR CAMPSITE:

If it's strange country, choose a spot for your tent that has a slight grade for drainage in case it rains. Near woods but not directly under a tree . . . on dry soil — avoid heavy grass . . . near swimming if possible but away from mosquito breeding swamp. Make a sketch of your camp; locate your tent spot, cooking area, latrine, etc. Pitch your tent and arrange a place to stow your food where it'll be safe from weather, insects and animals.

Using the various bags suggested makes packing easier and keeps your gear together. Blankets are packed so they'll be against your back . . . much more comfortable if you hike any distance. Things you might need in a hurry are on top.



Dig a narrow trench latrine — at a distance from the center of your camp, dirt piled nearby for covering, paddle and paper handy.



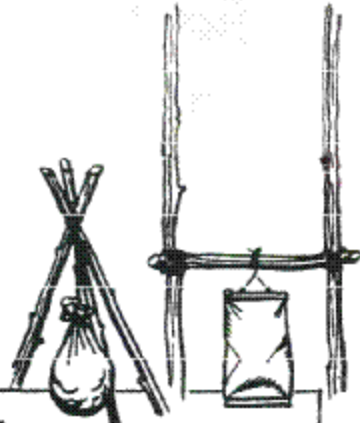


Clear fire area—make your favorite kind of fire place just large enough for your pots or frying pan.

Collect fuel — tinder, twigs and larger sticks . . . not any more than you'll need. Keep your fires small. Pick a handy spot to stow your fuel where it will keep dry.

**FOOD:**

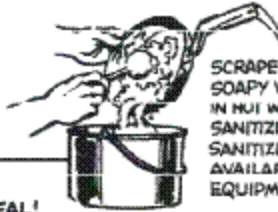
Store food in unbreakable bags or containers. Don't take food that will spoil. Use dehydrated foods available in most stores. In camp, hang food bags from high branches to keep animals from getting at them.



Be sure of your drinking water. Use the water-purifying tablets in your first aid kit—or boil your water for ten minutes, then pour it back and forth into clean containers to aerate it.



**WASH MESS KIT THOROUGHLY**



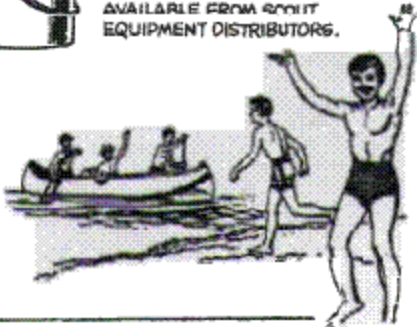
SCRAPE PAN. WASH IN HOT SOAPY WATER AND DUNK IN HOT WATER TREATED WITH SANITIZING TABLETS. HI-SAN SANITIZING TABLETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM SCOUT EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTORS.



LEVEL GROUND  
HOLLOW FOR HIPS  
HOLLOW FOR SHOULDERS

Prepare the ground for comfortable sleeping. Should your shoes get wet, dry them at least 3 feet from fire — let them dry slowly.

**CLEAN UP AFTER EVERY MEAL!  
BURN ALL GARBAGE!  
DON'T JUST BURY IT!**



Camping is just one of the many enjoyable activities in scouting. If you're not a scout, you don't know what you're missing.

**PUTTING OUT FIRE WITHOUT WATER**



STIRRED STICKS AND COALS



SCRAPE BURNING EMBERS FROM LARGE LOGS AND STICKS.



COVER WITH DIRT



CHECK AND BE SURE THE FIRE IS DEAD OUT.