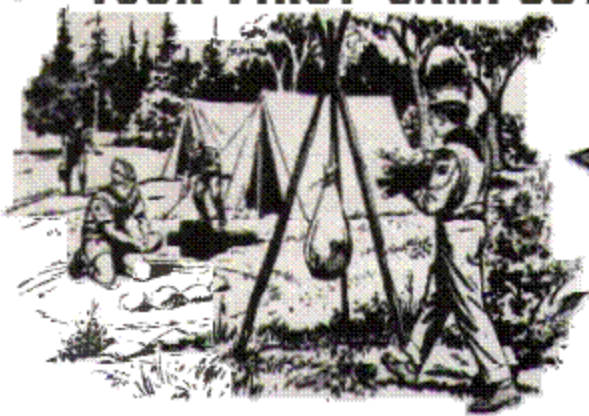


# SCOUTCRAFT

## YOUR FIRST CAMPOUT



### CHOOSING THE SITE

LOOK FOR A FAIRLY OPEN SPOT WHERE THE GROUND SLOPES GENTLY SO THAT RAINWATER DRAINS OFF QUICKLY. GRASS-COVERED, SANDY OR GRAVELLY GROUND IS BEST. THE SITE SHOULD BE NEAR WOODS, BUT NOT DIRECTLY UNDER TREES. SAFE DRINKING AND COOKING WATER SHOULD BE NEARBY.



A LAKE OR A STREAM WILL PROVIDE WATER FOR WASHING MESS GEAR, BUT DON'T WASH POTS OR MESS GEAR IN THE LAKE OR STREAM. PURIFY THIS WATER BEFORE DRINKING.

DON'T DIG A TRENCH AROUND YOUR TENT. IT'S UNNECESSARY IF YOU'VE CHOSEN A SUITABLE, WELL-DRAINED SPOT.

DIG A STRADDLE LATRINE IN THE BUSHES DOWNWIND FROM CAMP AND AT LEAST 75 FEET FROM ANY WATER. SAVE ALL DIRT FOR LIGHT COVER AFTER EACH USE, AND FOR REFILLING LATRINE BEFORE YOU LEAVE CAMP FOR GOOD. REPLACE SOIL.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CHECK YOUR **BOY SCOUT HANDBOOK**, THE **FIELDBOOK** AND THE **CAMPING MERIT BADGE PAMPHLET**.



### A COMFORTABLE GROUND BED



SMOOTH OUT BUMPS AND REMOVE STONES FROM YOUR SLEEPING AREA. INSTEAD OF DIGGING HIP AND SHOULDER HOLLOW, COVER YOUR BED AREA WITH LEAVES, STRAW, GRASS, OR PINE NEEDLES. PACK EXTRA PADDING WHERE YOUR BACK, HEAD AND MIDDLE THIGHS WILL LIE. SPREAD YOUR GROUND CLOTH OVER IT ALL. LAY YOUR SLEEPING BAG ON THIS—OR MAKE THIS BED SACK WITH TWO BLANKETS AND LARGE BLANKET PING.

### BLANKET BED SACK



1 SPREAD FIRST BLANKET ON GROUND CLOTH. THEN PUT SECOND BLANKET HALFWAY OVER THE FIRST.



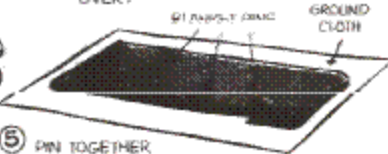
2 FOLD BOTTOM BLANKET HALFWAY OVER TOP ONE.



3 FOLD TOP BLANKET OVER.



4 FOLD BACK FOOT PART OF BOTH BLANKETS.



5 PIN TOGETHER TO MAKE SACK.

A SHEET OF POLYETHYLENE (A PLASTIC) 4-6 MIL THICK MAKES A GOOD GROUND CLOTH. OR YOU CAN USE AN AIR MATTRESS INFLATED JUST ENOUGH TO KEEP YOUR BODY OFF THE GROUND. OR USE A PIECE OF POLYFOAM 3" THICK BY 24" WIDE AND THE LENGTH FROM YOUR HEAD TO SEAT. A GROUND CLOTH HELPS INSULATE YOU FROM DAMPNESS AND COLD.

MAKE THIS HANDY POCKET LIST OF PERSONAL EQUIPMENT TO TAKE WITH YOU. CUT IT OUT, FOLD BACK TO BACK, THEN LAMINATE IT IN PLASTIC. CHECK OFF THE ITEMS WITH A GREASE PENCIL AS YOU PACK. WIP OFF FOR NEXT USE.

### CAMPOUT CHECKLIST

#### WEAR

- COMPLETE UNIFORM
- HIKING SHOES
- SWEATER OR JACKET
- RAINCOAT OR PONCHO

#### CARRY IN POCKETS

- SCOUT KNIFE
- MATCHES (IN WATER-PROOF CASE)
- HANDKERCHIEF
- WALLET (INCLUDE CHANGE FOR PHONE)

#### INDIVIDUAL TOILET PAPER

- COMPASS
- 2 OR 3 BAND-AIDS

#### FASTEN TO OR INSIDE YOUR PACK

- REPAIR KIT (NEEDLES, THREAD, ETC.)
- EATING UTENSILS
- FLASHLIGHT (CHECK BATTERIES)
- SLEEPING BAG (OR 2-3 BLANKETS)
- WATERPROOF GROUND CLOTH

#### Moccasins or Sneakers

#### CLOTHESBAG WITH:

- EXTRA SHIRT
- EXTRA PANTS
- PAJAMAS OR SWEAT SUIT
- EXTRA HANKERCHIEFS
- EXTRA SOCKS
- CHANGE OF UNDERWEAR
- TOILET KIT CONTAINING:
- SOAP
- HAND TOWEL

#### BATH TOWEL

#### TOOTHBRUSH & TOOTH PASTE

- WASH BAGS (PLASTIC OR LEAVES)
- OPTIONAL ITEMS**
- WATCH
- SWIM TRUNKS
- CRAYONS, FILM
- CANTEEN
- NOTEBOOK, PENCIL
- MAP
- FIRST AID KIT
- SCOUT HANDBOOK OR FIELDBOOK
- MOSQUITO DOPE & NETTING
- LENGTH OF LINE OR ROPE