Cleaning of Troop 597 Equipment

After each camping trip, the Quartermasters will decide what equipment needs to be taken home to be cleaned and dried. If a scout is assigned equipment to take home, he will be required to sign the equipment out and sign it back in when it is returned. The scout is responsible for making sure the equipment is returned clean and dry. If at anytime anyone finds anything wrong with the equipment please bring it to one of the adult quartermasters or a leader immediately. The scout will be held responsible for the equipment until it is signed back in with one of the quartermasters.

Tents

NO part of the tent should ever go into a dryer or washing machine at any time for any reason. NO soap of any kind should be used on the fabric, it will ruin the waterproofing. It must be set up, just like you would when camping. Once opened, the inside should be cleaned by removing all loose dirt, (leaves, grass, paper, etc.) and if needed, use a damp cloth to wipe up any mud or dirt sticking to the inside of the tent. The outside should also be cleaned of mud or dirt by using a damp cloth. Once clean, let it air dry completely. All tent parts must be completely dry before closing and folding up the tent. The tent needs to be folded properly as you were shown on a camping trip, before putting it back into the bag. Be careful of the tent poles, if not properly stored they can poke holes in the tent.

Ground Tarps

Tarps must be open completely; all dirt must be cleaned off from both sides of the tarp. Once cleaned the tarp can be hung on a clothes line, or somewhere where it will air dry completely. Before folding up the tarp please make sure the tarp is completely dry. Tarps needs to be folded properly before being returned.

Coolers and Drink Coolers

Both types of coolers can be cleaned with hot soapy water. This soapy water should be run through the spigots of the drink coolers as well. After cleaning as recommended above, you should also rinse and run some hot bleach water through the spigot to sanitize them. Make sure you rinse thoroughly to get all the bleach water out. It should NOT have a strong odor of bleach once dried. Food coolers should be wiped inside and outside to remove all dirt. Once they are cleaned it is best to wipe the inside out with a dry cloth. The coolers need to be returned dry.

NOTE:

It is very important that all troop equipment gets returned ASAP after a camping trip and returned cleaned and dried for the next trip. For this reason it is troop policy that all troop equipment needs to be cleaned and returned within 2 Mondays after each trip.

The quartermasters have also been instructed to make random spot checks on returned equipment to make sure they are dry and clean. Any equipment that does not meet the above requirements will be returned to the scout to take back home and cleaned again.

If you have any questions please see me.

Thank you,

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