









So, your son's the Grubmaster for the upcoming campout. What the heck does that mean? Most importantly, it means that he will be feeding the Patrol at the campout. It also means that if he does a good job, he will complete First Class requirements 4a through 4e. Here's what he needs to do and what you can do to help (or stay out of the way):




Menu

-  No later than the Tuesday prior to the campout, your Patrol will have made up a menu for the campout. Review the menu and make any necessary changes. As much as possible, try to adhere to the choices made by the Patrol. The following are examples changes that may or may NOT be made:
 -  If the Patrol chose canned pears as part of the lunch menu, but you prefer peaches, get the PEARS;
 -  If the Patrol chose filet mignon and lobster for dinner, but there's not enough money in the budget for those items (duh), you may change the entree;
 -  If the meal is lacking in one of the four basic food groups, you may add the necessary items;
 -  In order to fulfill the requirements for First Class, each meal must require some cooking. Therefore, you may make adjustments in order to meet the requirements.



Grubmaster's Report

-  Fill out the top half of the Grubmaster's Report.
-  You will need to know how many boys and how many adults are attending the campout and for which meals, if any. The Patrol Leader will have this information.
-  This will show him how much money he has to spend.





Tuesday Before the Campout

-  Patrol grubmaster will check out a cooler from the quartermaster at the shed for perishable food items and a tote for non-perishable food items.



Shopping List

-  Be sure that if the Patrol selected macaroni and cheese that you purchase not only the boxes of macaroni and cheese, but also the milk and butter needed to make it.
-  Determine the quantity of each item.


Shop

-  You, rather than one of your parents, should do as much of the food selection as possible.
-  Do price comparisons. Write down how much each item costs, and make sure you stay within your budget.
-  Try to make as many decisions as possible yourself about flavors, quantities, brands, etc. Before the end of your shopping trip, check everything over and make sure there is enough food for everyone during the campout. Scouts get very hungry when they're outdoors all day.
-  Don't forget ice for the cooler and save your receipts.




Utensils

-  Make a list of pans, utensils, and anything else that will be needed to prepare the meals.
-  Check with the Patrol Leader to be sure that everything needed is in the Patrol Box.




Pack

-  Pack the food into the cooler and Patrol tub. Review USDA's Food Safety While Hiking, Camping & Boating and be sure that you are ready to practice the Leave No Trace Principles.





Duty Roster

-  Make a Duty Roster.
-  Review past Duty Rosters to make sure that everyone is getting an equal share of cooking and cleanup duties.
-  Be sure to put yourself down as one of the cooks at one of the meals.

At the Campout

-  Supervise all meals.
-  Say grace before each meal.
-  Inventory the Patrol Box before returning it to the trailer.

After the campout

-  Distribute any leftover perishable food among the Patrol members;
-  Save any leftover non-perishable food for the next campout. Make a list of all leftover non-perishable food and give it to your Patrol Coach so that it can be passed on to the next Grubmaster.
-  Wash dishtowels and put them in the tub.
-  Complete the gm report, attach receipts, have your adult advisor initial it, and turn it in to the Treasurer for reimbursement.

CHECK OUT/IN PROCEDURE FOR TROOP EQUIPMENT

Tuesday before Campout:

- Patrol grubmaster will check out a cooler for perishable food items and a tote for non-perishable food items.
- The quartermaster at the shed will check out these items.
- Decide who your tent mate will be for the Friday night tent check out. Tents are no longer in the trailer.
- Even adults will need to check out a tent.

Friday night of the Campout:

- Quartermaster will check out:
 - Tents- know who your tent mate is. The quartermaster will assign the tent in both your names.
 - Patrol box to the grubmaster. Quartermaster will assign you a patrol box number. The SPL will be given the list of assigned patrol boxes prior to leaving the church.

Tuesday night following the Campout (PLC)

- All equipment will be returned this night at 6:30 pm whether you attend the PLC meeting or not.
- All equipment will be returned to the shed and checked back in. Be prepared to wait in line.
- All tents must be aired out prior to return and should include tent stakes, fly, and poles.
- If tent was damaged (Ex: zipper broke, missing tent stakes, or tent torn) please notify quartermaster at check in so that the adult quartermasters can repair or replace.
- The scout quartermaster will inspect patrol boxes. If patrol box was not cleaned properly, the PL of the guilty party will be asked to clean the patrol box until it meets the quartermaster's approval that evening. If the responsible PL not at the PLC meeting, it will be taken care of at the next meeting.

Your patrol will receive an email from the quartermaster.

- Any missing items from the patrol box, these items will be replaced by the guilty patrol or the patrol will pay the cost to replace. This replacement fee cannot come out of your scout account.
- Scouts will now be held responsible for any missing equipment or improper care of troop equipment! The quartermaster will have all necessary paperwork to track down scouts/adults if equipment should go missing.
- Any troop equipment checked out for a high adventure trip must be done through either the scout quartermaster or one of the adult quartermasters and the check out process must be completed.
- The troop can no longer be responsible for eating the cost of purchasing new equipment because it was treated poorly or never returned.

Yours in Scouting,

Troop 695 Quartermasters