

## **TROOP 1 PORTSMOUTH TAKING CARE OF OUR TROOP GEAR**

**Dear Parents:**

Troop equipment is sent home with your scout after a campout so that it can be properly cleaned and dried out. If your scout brings home troop equipment please ensure that he follows the instructions below and that the equipment is returned to the Troop Quartermaster at the troop meeting immediately following the campout.

Cooking gear and stoves should be as clean as you would want them at home for your family to cook and eat from.

### **TENTS:**

1. Cleanout the dirt and grass from the inside and outside of tent.
2. Dry out the tent immediately by (even if the tent does not appear to be wet, this step is necessary to ensure that the tent is completely free of moisture before storage):
  - a. Setting the tent up in the sun until it is dry.
  - b. Setting up or hanging (open without the insides touching) the tent indoors near a dehumidifier until it is dry.
3. Inspect the tent for damage and broken or missing parts.
  - a. Write down any problems and submit it to the Quartermaster with the tent.
  - b. The tent should include:
 

1) Tent.	4) Bones (# 2) (Bones hold the poles together at the top of the tent.
2) Fly.	5) Pegs (#10).
3) Poles (# 5).	6) One bag each for tent, poles, and pegs.
4. Refold and roll the tent neatly without getting it dirty or wet and place in the tent bag with:
  - a. Poles in the pole bag.
  - b. Pegs in the peg bag.
  - c. Peg bag (with pegs inside) inside the pole bag.
  - d. Fly and pole bag rolled up with the tent.
5. Tarps: Follow cleaning and drying rules for tents.

### **COOK KITS:**

1. Cooking Kit Box:
  - a. Remove all items from box:
    - 1) Cleanout box.
    - 2) Wipe down inside and outside of box with a disinfectant.
2. Non Teflon Cooking Items:
  - a. Clean with dish soap and Brillo.
  - b. Place in the dishwasher.
3. Teflon Cooking Items:
  - a. Scrub with dish soap, Soft Scrub and Dobie pads.
4. Cloth:
  - a. Wash dish towels in washing machine
  - b. Clean the outside of pot holders and/or wash if possible.
5. Before Returning:
  - a. The inside of the box and all cooking kit items should be clean and dry.

### **COOKING STOVES:**

1. Exposed surfaces, inside and outside: Use a degreaser to clean.
2. Aluminum inside cooking surfaces: Use Brillo and soft scrub on the aluminum inside surface and grate to remove all grease and cooking stains.
3. Place the cooking grate in the dishwasher.
4. Dry off all items and reassemble.