
Who cleans Patrol Gear after a Campout ?

Who in the patrol is responsible for taking the patrol gear home and cleaning it after a campout ?

ANSWER: **It's EVERYONE.**

That includes the Patrol Leader, the Senior Patrol Leader and yes, even the Scoutmaster (I took home the Adult Grub Box and a Dutch Oven for cleaning after the Vicksburg campout).

If we all take something home after a campout, it's not that much work. That's part of the Patrol Method, sharing the work duties for the good of the Patrol.

Ideally you'll only have to take one piece (maybe 2 pieces) of Patrol Gear home after a campout. If you end up with more Patrol members than gear, then I recommend you give the Grubmaster a break from taking gear home for cleaning. He's already done a lot of work prior to the campout. If you end up not taking any gear home after this campout, make sure you're quick to volunteer after the next campout. **We all need to share this duty.**

Some of you may not know how to properly clean the gear, so I'll let you know how I do it. Since we're backpacking this weekend, I'll start with the Backpacking Gear.



Jetboil:¶

Slip off the neoprene sleeve from the AL cooking cup.¶

Handwash or toss the AL cooking cup, the plastic lid and plastic cup into the dishwasher.¶

Let it dry thoroughly.¶

Reassemble the clean Jetboil.¶

MSR Backpacking Pots:¶

Often you'll be able to do all your cooking in the Jetboil, but if you want to do a soup or a stew, you may want to take one of these pots along with you.¶

Handwash or toss the pot and lid into the dishwasher.¶

Let it dry thoroughly.¶

Reassemble the set of clean nesting pots together for turn-in to the Quartermaster.¶





Katadyn Water Filter:

Put ½-gallon-of-clean-tap-water-into-a-large-bowl-and-add-a-capful-of-unscented-household-bleach.

Pump-the-bleach-water-through-the-filter. Let-the-bleach-water-go-down-the-drain.

Unscrew-the-center-filter-and-let-it-air-dry-(maybe-1-2-days).

Reassemble-the-clean-water-filter-and-turn-it-in-to-the-Quartermaster.

Moe's Dirty Water Bag (gallon tea bag):

Rinse-bag-out-with-tap-water-and-then-fill-with-a-gallon-of-tap-water.

Add-several-drops-of-unscented-bleach-to-the-bag-and-replace-the-cap.

Swish-the-water-around-in-the-bag-and-let-it-sit-for-an-hour.

Empty-the-bleach-water-down-the-drain-and-rinse-the-bag-again-with-clean-tap-water.

Let-the-inside-of-the-bag-air-dry-thoroughly. Replace-the-cap-and-return-to-Quartermaster.

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Troop's Backpacking Tent:

Two-scouts-should-share-the-weight-of-the-tent-while-backpacking.

However, after-the-trip, 1-scout-should-take-the-whole-tent-home-for-cleaning.

If-the-tent-is-just-wet-from-“heavy-dew”, set-it-up-to-dry-out.

If-it's-dirty, hose-off-the-dirt-and-set-it-up-to-dry-out.

Re-pack-the-tent-and-turn-it-into-the-Quartermaster.

Troop's Backpacking Tarp:

If-the-tarp-is-just-wet-from-“heavy-dew”, set-it-up-to-dry-out.

If-it's-dirty, hose-off-the-dirt-and-set-it-up-to-dry-out.

Re-pack-the-tarp-and-turn-it-into-the-Quartermaster.

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