

CAMPING TRADITIONS

Developing and maintaining Camping Traditions help bind the unit together from year to year. They add quality and sparkle to the troop program. Scouts like them and anticipate having the same fun they had last time.

Here are examples of traditions. Each is a source of deep pride for those units that follow it. You may find some a bit unusual, but use them to stimulate your imagination.

1. CAMP EVERY MONTH
2. ATTEND SUMMER CAMP EACH YEAR
3. GO ON A SURVIVAL CAMP EVERY AUGUST
4. NEVER CAMP TWICE IN THE SAME PLACE WITHIN A YEAR
5. HAVE A LONG WEEKEND BACKPACKING TRIP TWICE EACH YEAR
6. NEVER CALL OFF A CAMP BECAUSE OF BAD WEATHER (EXCEPT FOR A HURRICANE, TORNADO, OR BLIZZARD)
7. HAVE A SPECIAL 50-MILE HIKE FOR THOSE SCOUTS MEETING REQUIREMENTS IN ATTENDANCE OR ADVANCEMENT SET BY THE TROOP
8. DO A SERVICE PROJECT FOR A LOCAL HIKING TRAIL AS PART OF A CAMPING TRIP EACH YEAR
9. ALWAYS COOK BREAKFAST AND DINNER FROM SCRATCH
10. HIKE EVERY MARKED TRAIL AT RESIDENT CAMP EACH SUMMER
11. GIVE EACH PATROL A DISTINCT CAMPSITE, SLIGHTLY APART FROM THE OTHERS
12. ALWAYS HIKE INTO CAMP
13. WORK ON ADVANCEMENT ON EVERY CAMP
14. HOLD A SNOW CAMP EACH YEAR
15. ALWAYS CAMP IN PONCHOS – NEVER IN TENTS
16. TAKE A HIKE ON EVERY CAMPOUT
17. HAVE SOME PATROL COMPETITION ON EVERY CAMPOUT
18. WATCH THE SUNRISE OR SET FROM A SPECIAL SPOT AT CAMP
19. ALWAYS COOK BY PATROL EVEN AT RESIDENT SUMMER CAMP
20. VISIT THE NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE AS A TROOP
21. HOLD A FATHER-N-SON CAMP EACH YEAR
22. SPONSER A FAMILY CAMP EACH YEAR