

## PATROL CAMPS

Each year we try and hold a Patrol Camp.

This involves the whole Scout Troop, but as the name implies, the Scouts camp in their Patrol. This encourages the Patrols to bond together and start to work well as a team with the older Scouts helping and showing the younger Scouts the ropes (sometimes literally!).

The Patrols will be responsible for setting up their own camp site. This means putting up the separate boy and girl tents, the cooking shelter, camp kitchen and anything else required for that particular camp.

Each Patrol will cook for themselves (usually from a menu they have chosen) and clean up their own camp kitchen area.

Activities for the weekend will also be done in Patrols.

It is expected that Patrols stay together and Scouts don't wander off with their friends from other Patrols - after all, they might be needed back at their Patrol!

The Leaders are obviously on site to give advice and aid as and when needed.

## TROOP CAMPS

These involve the whole Troop camping as one large unit and are generally the most common way that we camp.

Cooking is done en masse with each Patrol being given a meal to prepare and serve.

Scouts are still responsible for setting up tents, cooking, washing up etc but there is more social 'freedom'!

## GENERAL

We pack for a camp on the Wednesday before, with the Scouts helping to load the trailer or van. Car pooling is encouraged with parents as the Leaders generally have a car full!

At the end of a camp it is expected that all Scouts return to the Scout hall and assist with the unloading and packing away. This way they learn about where things belong and means we all get home for that very essential shower that much quicker!