



# East Sussex County Scouts



## County Camping Competition 2008

The purpose of the County Camping Competition is to bring Scouts together from throughout the County for a friendly and fun 'Camping Skills' Competition. We hope this will encourage those participating to achieve and demonstrate a high level of camping skills, and to have fun and enjoy some "camp" activities and games with other Scouts from around the County. The competition is also an opportunity for the Scouts to develop their existing skills and to learn from each other, and because this is a 'friendly' competition a team of experienced Leaders will provide help, instruction and support to less-experienced teams throughout the competition. This having been said, it is expected that each Patrol will have at least the basic camping skills.

Points will be awarded throughout the competition with the focus being on Camping Skills and Patrol Teamwork.

### Competition Rules

The camp will be run on the basis of the Scout Law. The Competition Leaders will reserve the right to exclude or withdraw any team whose behaviour is judged contrary to the Scout Law and Promise.

Patrols must be made up of 6 members; the combined Patrol age (including whole months) must not exceed 78 years, and no individual Scout may be over 14 years 6 months old. In the spirit of the competition, teams must include at least two members who are not regular PLs or APLs.

Each Patrol must have a nominated PL and APL for the duration of the competition (in cases where there is either no regular PL / APL or there is more than one).

Lots will be drawn for each camping pitch as Patrols arrive.

The equipment list, menus, shopping list and costing, handed in at the check-in (see Administrative Arrangements below) will be marked (content rather than presentation).

There will be a continuous assessment of each patrol – in particular their teamwork and 'scouting behaviour' - throughout the competition, which will start at the time each Patrol arrives on-site until the time the competition closes at 15.30 on Sunday. The formal start of the competition will be the pitching of tents and site preparation at 18:30.

Times for meals will be drawn by lot so that mealtimes are staggered which will allow the Leader team the opportunity to visit each Patrol. It is expected that Patrols will sit down together to eat complete meals. Each cooked meal will be inspected and marked by a

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leader who may decide to taste a small amount. At the same time they will make notes on the cleanliness and tidiness of the kitchen and fire areas and the attitude and well being of the Patrol members.

The menu for the weekend should be balanced and suitable for a Patrol camp. Meals should (as far as possible) be made 'from scratch'. Breakfasts and evening meals should be cooked; points will be available for quality, suitability, originality and quantity of meals.

The competition will end at 15:30 on Sunday, by which time Patrols are expected to be fully packed away and in full uniform. The results will be announced at 16:00; supporters will be welcome from 15:45.

**The key areas of competition will be: 'Camping Skills' – the ability to live comfortably, safely, and hygienically under canvas, whilst cooking and eating outdoors.**

**Attached with this information pack are two sheets identifying the items that will be inspected; these are included for two reasons: the first is to ensure that the marking is both consistent and transparent, and above all, fair. The second reason is so that Patrols can use this list as an aide memoire during the camp – so there will be no surprises, and Scouts will be encouraged to achieve the highest possible standards.**



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## **Administrative Arrangements:**

Patrols should report to the campsite from 17:30 on Friday in full uniform. All teams should be on site by 18:15.

Upon arrival the **PL** must hand in:

- a. A complete list of equipment (both Patrol and individual)
- b. A programme of menus
- c. Shopping list(s) and costings for the entire camp
- d. Health form and home contact for each Scout attending
- e. 'Emergency Fuel' for Gas Burners (see equipment list below) clearly marked with Troop / Group name.

Please note that the 'check-in' will be the responsibility of the PL – there should be no need for Scout Leaders to be in attendance. Please note also that Scouts without a completed health form and home contact cannot be allowed to remain on-site. None of the paperwork handed in will be returned until the competition has finished.

Upon arrival, teams will be directed to a drop-off point for their Kit and Equipment; unloading should take place as quickly as possible (to make space for others), and those delivering are asked to leave the campsite immediately.

Collection of Kit and Equipment can take place between 15:45 (i.e. 15 minutes after the expected end of the competition) and 16:30.



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## Patrol Equipment

Patrol Tent	Standard 'green' ridge tent suitable for 6. <u>No</u> dome tents. This should be pitched with respect for the prevailing conditions. If this is a mixed gender patrol the largest group must sleep in this tent.
Additional Tent	<u>Only</u> for mixed gender Patrols. This can be any suitable tent but must be pitched properly.
Dinning Shelter	A shelter suitable for the entire Patrol to sit under and eat meals / prepare food.
Store Tent	A small tent in which to store food and materials / equipment required for the camp
Toilet Tent (with toilet)	One (optionally two) toilets / toilet tent(s) (note that provision will be made for emptying the contents, but patrols will be expected to have suitable cleaning materials
First Aid Kit	A first aid kit suitable for a Patrol camp.
Fire Bucket	Must be kept by the fire at <u>all</u> times in a condition ready to use.
Gas Burners / Trangia Burners	These may be brought along <b>for emergency use only</b> . All fuel for these must be handed in on arrival clearly labelled with the Patrol / Troop / Group details.

This is the minimum equipment required, and has been specified to ensure fairness. Additional items are recommended – the choice is a matter for the Patrol.



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## Additional items required to be created

Fire Pit	A turfed area in which to have the cooking fire (i.e. the turfs are removed before the pit is dug, and preserved for restoring the site at the end of the camp). The fire should be kept to the edge of the field. (observing the prevailing wind and proximity to tents!). Suggestion of 1 spade wide by 1 spade deep by about 1 metre long.
Wet Pit or Bring a Wet Bucket	A pit into which waste water should be emptied. These should be kept to the edge of the field.  This is a (plastic) bucket with holes in the bottom, packed with grass or similar organic material. Waste water from cooking can be poured through to collect any solid waste and grease which can later be burnt.
Chopping Area	A clearly-defined safe area in which to chop wood (if necessary)
Gadgets	These should be constructed with materials found on site (you may bring sisal / string with you). They could range from simple pegs to an entire washing / draining rack with stand.

## Items are not allowed:

De-odorant sprays	These are potentially dangerous with fires. Roll on de-odorant is fine.
Electronic devices of any kind (other than simple torches)	These often get lost or cause unnecessary arguments
Mobile Phones	These often get lost or cause unnecessary arguments
Lock Knives / Sheath Knives	These are regarded as too dangerous – folding penknives are allowed.

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## Outline Program

Time	Activity	Notes
<b>Friday</b>		
17:30	Arrival	
18:30	Setup Camp / Pitch Tents, etc.	A light meal will be provided centrally during this time
21:00	Centrally organised activity	
22:00	Hot drinks and biscuits	Centrally provided
22:30	Bed	
23:00	Quiet	
<b>Saturday</b>		
6:30	Earliest time for any noise	Penalty Points awarded if infringed!
8:30	Breakfast	
9:30	Flag break	
10:00	Activities and Site Inspection	Scouts will not be allowed to return to their Patrol Area during the morning activities.
12:00	Free time	
13:00	Lunch	
14:00	Activities	
16:00	Free time / Dinner preparation	
18:00	Dinner	
19:00	Free time	
20:00	Wide Game	
22:00	Free time / hot drinks	
22:30	Bed	
23:00	Quiet	
<b>Sunday</b>		
6:30	Earliest time for any noise	Penalty Points awarded if infringed!
8:30	Breakfast	
9:30	Flag break	
10:00	Activities and Site Inspection	Scouts will not be allowed to return to their Patrol Area during the morning activities.
12:00	Free time	
12:30	Lunch	
13:00	Strike Camp	
15:30	Camp Struck	
16:00	Results Announced	

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## County Camping Competition 2008 Application Form

Registration Form - Closing Date 15<sup>th</sup> March 2008.

\_\_\_\_\_ Scout Troop of \_\_\_\_\_ District  
wishes to register 1 team for the County Camping Competition.

I enclose the entry fee of £\_\_\_\_\_ (£30 per team) (Cheque payable to ESCSC)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Scout Leader

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Scout Leader

Address \_\_\_\_\_ (In capitals please)

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\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**At the moment we are unsure as to how many teams wish to enter. Therefore it has been decided to restrict the entrants to 1 team per troop. Should the event be over-subscribed then the organisers will request Districts merge teams to reduce numbers further. We clearly hope this will not be necessary and we will keep you up to date as much as possible.**

**Please return this form with your cheque to :**

**County Camping Competition  
c/o County Office  
Broadstone Warren  
Forest Row  
East Sussex  
RH18 5JS**

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