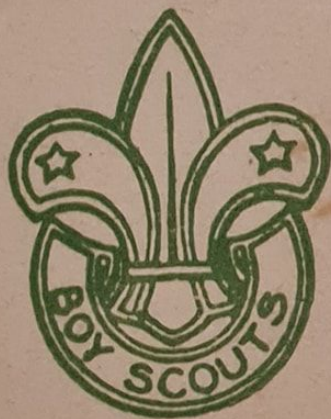




Scout

WRITING PACKET



25 SHEETS
12 ENVELOPES

THE *Scout Shop*
IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS

Tamboree France

Dear Bob.

I am just sending you
a few lines today that we are having
a good time. The camp is a really
huge affair divided into provinces. There
are cinemas, theatres and shops. I hope
the camp finished off alright and
that you got home alright with out
any mishaps. Oh well space is short
so I will sign off, see you when I get back
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READ, MARK, LEARN

and so

ENJOY THIS YEAR'S CAMP

with the

9th OXFORD BOY SCOUTS

at

TOTLAND BAY, I.O.W.

1949.

SUMMER CAMP 1949.

This is not intended to be a guide to perfect camping, as this can only be gained by practical experience, and paying heed to those who have this knowledge.

But if this is read by all attending this camp and the matter contained therein abided by, a happy and contented camp will be the result.

The Postal address will be:-

Scout

The 9th Oxford Boy Scouts,
c/o The Post Office,
Totland Bay,
I.O.W.

And the dates will be:-

From July 24th to August 7th.

Mark all your clothing and kit bag with your name, and see that your kit is all in one kitbag and not in a lot of small parcels as these are easily lost.

All Scouts will be at the station at the time that will be announced later, together with personal kit and food for the journey.

Remember the success of this camp depends on you and that every one of you will be called upon to do your share of the work.

WE WILL HAVE NO SLACKERS IN THIS CAMP.

DON'T FORGET to have your hair cut short before camp.

It would be as well if I quote here one of the many things our founder wrote in "Scouting for Boys". Some people talk of "roughing it

in camp". These people are generally "Tenderfoots". An old backwoodsman doesn't rough it, he knows how to look after himself, and make himself comfortable by a hundred little dodges.

The more of these dodges we know before camp the more you will enjoy it.

So I want every Scout to read camp fire yarn No.9 in Scouting for Boys before July 24th, and I will take it for granted that you have done this.

THE CAMP KIT YOU WILL REQUIRE

EACH scout will require the following kit in addition to the uniform in which he goes to camp:-

FOR SLEEPING:- Pyjamas, at least two BLANKETS and a reliable GROUND SHEET.

FOR WASHING:- Two towels, soap and flannel, Tooth Brush and Paste.
Hair Brush and Comb.

A toilet bag will help to keep these tidy, but do not put wet soap and flannel in the bag.

FOR EATING:- Knife, Fork and Spoon,
TWO enamel plates and mug
(Deep plates are best).

SPARE CLOTHES:- Spare shirt, shorts, vest, pants, stockings, handkerchiefs.

If your spare shirt and shorts can be of khaki twill variety please bring them as it makes the camp look so much smarter if we are all the same - it also keeps cleaner - or shall we say it doesn't show the dirt. Don't worry if you haven't got khaki, but please don't bring your best clothes.

SHOES:- Pair of canvas shoes or sandals.
OTHER Mackintosh or raincoat, sweater, Bathing
CLOTHES:- costume.
GENERAL:- Needle and thread, Note book and pencil
(TWO stamped postcards to send home).

STANDING ORDERS FOR SUMMER CAMP

1. NO SCOUT is allowed out of the camping field without permission.
2. ALL SCOUTS must be in camp by 8.30 p.m. unless on special pass. This can be obtained from Skipper.
3. ALL SCOUTS leaving camp must wear full uniform and report to the officers tent before leaving.
4. NO SCOUT is allowed outside his tent between lights out and rouse.
5. NO CLIFF CLIMBING OR EXPLORING AT ANY TIME.
6. NO BATHING at any time other than bathing parades.
7. LATRINES are provided NO OTHER PLACE TO BE USED.
8. ANY Scout feeling unwell must report at once.
9. NO SCOUT is allowed in the kitchen except when on duty.
10. ALL COMPLAINTS to be made to the Skipper in person.
11. POCKET MONEY will be dealt with by G. COLWELL and will be paid out each afternoon.
12. NO NOT throw food away or waste any, WE ARE still on strict rations.
Don't take more than you can eat.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST

THE LAW OF THE CAMP IS THE SCOUT LAW.
ANY SCOUT WHO BREAKS THIS LAW WILL BE SENT HOME.

GENERAL TIME TABLE

7.00 ROUSE and WASH (all shirts and vests off).
8.30 BREAKFAST.
10.00 FLAG BREAK. PRAYERS. INSPECTION.
12.30 DINNER.
1.30 until 2.30 "REST HOUR". You will only be able
to have this if the dinner is on time and EVERY-
ONE has helped with the washing up.
5.00 TEA.
8.15 SUPPER.
9.15 EVENING PRAYERS.
10.00 LIGHTS OUT.

COMPLETE silence until Rouse. Even if you cannot sleep others can, and it is MOST IMPORTANT that this rule be observed.

YOU would be surprised to know the many secrets that have been revealed by boys who thought they were only whispering.

This is not a time table that cannot be altered. It will have to be on some days to fit in with our activities. BUT if the daily time table is not kept to all our plans will fail. We hope to be able to announce the daily activities each day on the notice board.

NO STOCKINGS OR SOCKS MAY BE WORN IN CAMP.

WET FEET HURT NO ONE.

DAMP STOCKINGS ARE QUITE ANOTHER MATTER.

THE STORES TENT IS OUT OF BOUNDS TO ALL
EXCEPT THE QUARTERMASTER AND SCOUTERS.

DO YOU KNOW

That it is the duty of EVERYONE to keep the camp clean and tidy at all times.

You will be much warmer at night if you have at least as many blankets under you as you have on top.

That a hole for your hip makes the ground as comfortable as your bed at home.

That the Scout Movement and your troop in particular will be judged by the way you behave.

That rain tightens guy ropes and should therefore be loosened off as soon as it starts to rain, dew has the same effect, so loosen off at night.

IF EVERYONE helps with the washing up after meals it will take much less time than if it is left to one or two.

YOU will probably be told to do some things that you don't like doing either by your P.L. or Scouter, but if such orders are carried out quickly and cheerfully it will make things more pleasant for everyone. If done in the right spirit, the dullest job can become most pleasant.

SOME HINTS ON PREPARING FOR INSPECTION

1. The ground on your site should be clean and tidy, the finding of the smallest piece of foreign body on your site may have a disastrous effect on your patrol.
2. Plates, mugs, knives, fork and spoons, should be clean and in the racks you have made for them.
3. Tent walls must be rolled up, the poles quite upright, there should be no slack guys on the tent or anywhere else, and all pegs firmly in the ground.
4. Blankets should be neatly folded - if fine they should have been aired.
5. Towels if wet should have been put out to dry.
6. Tooth brush, flannel and soap should be laid out not packed away.
7. Shoes having been cleaned, will be laid with your kit.
8. You will be in uniform above the knee.
Never wear your uniform in camp unless you are

told to, keep it clean and tidy at all times and don't just take it off and throw it down but fold it up and lay it on your kit.

INSPECTION is part of the daily routine just as necessary to the running of a good camp as good food. The Patrol that works together will have little trouble in getting ready on time, it is always the slack Patrol that does the grumbling.

The Pennant will be awarded to the Patrol that is most Scoutlike in all things, and this does not mean just at inspection but during the course of the day, so see to it that your site is tidy at all times, and be Scoutlike in all things.

You may think you know better how to do things than either your patrol leader or second (or even the S.M.) but they are in charge and must be obeyed. Don't forget the 7th Scout Law. Remember that we must leave the site better than we found it, pulling YOUR WEIGHT may make the difference between "good" and "perfect".

THE QUARTERMASTER REMINDS YOU:- That all campers will give up their rations for the two weeks. You will be told what to do with your ration book nearer the time.

All this may seem rather confusing to some of you but camp isn't really just a matter of all rules and regulations. Of course some are necessary if things are to run smoothly but you can't learn to camp merely by reading about it in a book, what you learn in theory however can be put to practice when the time comes and it is just as well to have some idea of the "know how".

So my advice to you is to get out that "Scouting for Boys" and read it before you go.

PATROLS FOR CAMP

<u>SENIORS</u>	- -	GREENOUGH MINNETT FREEMAN COOPER
<u>WOODPECKERS</u>	-	REEVES KENDALL DAVIS WIGGINS
<u>SQUIRRELS</u>	-	WOODWARD BLAEY QUINNELL PRICE COLLIER
<u>FOX'S</u>	-	PANK GALLOWAY HALSEY HOPKINS

Luggage party for travelling will be the senior patrol. Their instructions will be issued later.

Details of times of trains and assembly will be issued as soon as they are available from the railway.