



Troop 123

Basic Tent Care

After campouts you will occasionally be assigned to clean out, dry, and properly store the tent you used. Please follow the procedures below so that the next time the tent is used it will be neat and clean. Just think. You may use the tent next.

The Golden Rule Be Lazy, do it right the first time.

1. Wipe **all** the mud and moisture from the inside and outside of the tent floor and walls. Set the tent up and allow it to thoroughly dry.
2. When **completely clean and dry**, spread the tent out fully, zip the window and door closed except for the bottom. Fold one third of the tent over toward the middle and fold the other side over the previously folded section. This will leave the tent at a width equal to the folded tent poles with the door and window at the narrow ends. **(Please note any rips, broken zippers, etc.)**
3. Wipe the rainfly clean and dry. Fold the rainfly in half along the center seam. Fold it in half again. You will now have a long skinny rainfly. Fold this in half so that all the guidelines are at one end. Place this on the folded tent with the guidelines towards the tent door. **(Please note any missing guidelines, clips, or tears.)**
4. Check all poles for cracks or breakage. The tents have four long poles, one medium, two short, and two plastic connectors. Place all of the poles into the pole bag. **(Note any broken or missing poles.)**
5. Count and clean off all stakes. You should have eight stakes. Place the stakes and the plastic connector into the stake bag. **(Note any missing or broken stakes.)**
6. Place pole and stake bags at the end of the tent by the window. Start to roll tightly toward the door. This will deflate all air from tent. Place in stuff bag and tie it shut.

Thank you for taking care of your Troop gear. Please return your tent to the Quartermaster at the **next** meeting.

Please don't hesitate to list any problems and tell them to the Quartermaster. God will not strike you dead if something is broken or missing. We need to know before the next outing so that everyone has a good tent to sleep in. You wouldn't want to end up without proper gear and neither would anyone else.

Any questions? See or call the Troop 123 Quartermaster.