

UNIT FIREGUARD CHART

Fill out and post this chart on your campsite bulletin board.

Unit Campsite Fire Prevention Assignments		Equipment Checked
First Day	Date _____ Patrol _____ Fire Warden _____	_____
Second Day	Date _____ Patrol _____ Fire Warden _____	_____
Third Day	Date _____ Patrol _____ Fire Warden _____	_____
Fourth Day	Date _____ Patrol _____ Fire Warden _____	_____
Fifth Day	Date _____ Patrol _____ Fire Warden _____	_____
Sixth Day	Date _____ Patrol _____ Fire Warden _____	_____
Seventh Day	Date _____ Patrol _____ Fire Warden _____	_____

Troop _____ Troop fire warden _____
 Camp _____ Troop campsite _____
 Dates _____



We will prevent fires by breaking matches in two after using.



Putting fires cold out with water.



Feeling with fingers to test heat.

FLAMMABILITY WARNING CAMPING SAFETY RULES

NO TENT MATERIAL IS FIREPROOF, AND IT CAN BURN WHEN EXPOSED TO HEAT OR FIRE. FOLLOW THESE RULES:

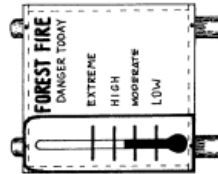
- Only flashlights and battery-powered lanterns are permitted in tents. **NO FLAMES IN TENTS** is a rule which must be enforced.
- Chemical-fueled stoves, heaters, lanterns, lighted candles, matches, or other flame sources should never be used in or near tents.
- Do not pitch tents near open fire.
- Do not use flammable chemicals near tents: charcoal lighter, spray cans of paint, or bug killer and repellent.
- Be careful when using electricity and lighting in tents.
- Always extinguish cooking and campfires properly.
- Obey all fire laws, ordinances, and regulations.
- Keep campers informed on a daily basis of your camp's fire danger.



Clearing all burnable material 4 to 6 feet away from the fires or as required by local law.

In the case of Cub Scouts, they should immediately seek adult help, sound the alarm by yelling, "Fire!" and stay away from attempting to fight any camp fire. If adult help is not readily available, the Cub Scout should continue to sound the alarm, send a runner for help, and/or dial the camp office or 911.

VARIOUS TYPES OF FIRE DANGER SIGNS IN CAMP



SOUND ALARM



DROP TENTS (CANVAS ONLY) IF NECESSARY AND SAFE TO DO SO

IN CASE OF FIRE

REPORTING AND ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

At some camps local changes are made in these suggested procedures. All exceptions, however, should be made on the recommendation and with the approval of local fire authorities.

IN A UNIT CAMPSITE

1. Sound the alarm by yelling "Fire!" and then notify the first adult you see, then report to a camp officer or the camp fire warden.
2. Extinguish a fire only if it can be done quickly and easily.
3. When the central alarm is sounded to warn the camp, quickly mobilize in your unit. Move to your preassigned point immediately and await directions.
4. A runner reports to the camp office for instructions from the camp fire warden.
5. In the event of a tent fire, you can douse it with water or sand, or simply stand back and let professionals fight the fire.

OUTSIDE UNIT CAMPSITE

1. If you discover a fire anywhere in camp, report immediately to the camp office so the alarm may be sounded and fire authorities notified.
2. Camp fire warden sounds the central alarm, and your unit follows steps 3 and 4 above.
3. **Remember:** Campers should not be directly involved in the fire fighting process except for fires that can be quickly and easily extinguished.

In case of a fire in our campsite, we will notify _____ Camp fire warden and follow the instructions of our unit fire warden.



UNIT FIREGUARD PLAN

HOW YOUR UNIT FIREGUARD PLAN WORKS

DUTIES

When you arrived at camp, you were oriented and trained in the use of the unit fireguard plan. It is your responsibility as a unit leader to train your unit members in fire prevention, fire detection, reporting, and fire control. Only implement fire control techniques that can be done quickly and safely.

Study the procedures outlined on this chart and then train your staff and youth members. Post the chart for all to see and follow. At some camps local changes are made in these suggested procedures. All exceptions, however, should be made on the written recommendation and with the approval of local fire authorities.

Organize to make the fireguard plan work by appointing capable fire wardens and deputies.

FIRE WARDENS AND DEPUTIES

The unit leader for each campsite assigns a unit fire warden and deputy, who may serve for the entire camp session or alternate with others. For Cub Scout camps, these should be adults. Youth leaders fill those functions at Boy Scout and Venturing camps under adult supervision.

Everyone in the unit should feel responsible for fire prevention, but additional personnel may be assigned daily to assist the unit fire warden and deputy during a fire emergency or drill with accounting for everyone in the unit and conducting an evacuation. In Cub Scout camps, parents and/or den chiefs may be assigned to help. For Scout camps, patrol leaders are logical choices. For small treks, the entire crew may be made responsible.

The unit fire warden and the deputy:

- Train all unit members in the fireguard plan
- Know where all fire equipment is located
- Complete this unit fireguard chart

- Verify that all cooking, heating, and campfires are completely out when not attended
- Conduct a fire drill once a week at the direction of the camp fire warden
- Report any fire hazards to the camp fire warden, immediately
- Are ready to evacuate and account for everyone in the event of an emergency
- Check fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, and carbon monoxide detectors if the unit sleeps in cabins

If a small fire breaks out, the person discovering it should take immediate action. Time is the most important element in the suppression of a fire.

Some examples of fire control techniques are:

- Immediately send someone to seek assistance, send a runner for help, and/or dial the camp office or 911.
- Douse fire with water or sand.
- Smother fire with a lid.
- In the event of a canvas tent fire, simply kick out the end tent poles if it can be done safely.

Remember: Campers should not be involved in firefighting.

In making daily inspections of the unit campsite, the unit fire warden should follow the fire-prevention suggestions found throughout this chart as a guide. Campsite equipment will vary according to your camp. Results of the daily inspection should be posted on the chart in the space provided.



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