



The Phoenix Challenge 2010 – The Big Bang

Document 04

Schedule of Campcraft Inspections

This document is intended to assist patrols in their preparation for camping, campcraft and cooking for The Phoenix Challenge 2010. It is also to ensure that all patrols have the same level of information and to help them achieve the highest possible standard.

Overview

Camping, campcraft and cooking will be monitored throughout the weekend by a dedicated team of 12 leaders working in pairs. You will see these teams over the full weekend many times as there will be eight inspections during the event. Each inspection team will have the opportunity to give each patrol the same amount of marks.

Marking schedule

The marking schedule for the weekend is included with this document and the various elements of camping, campcraft and cooking which will be assessed at particular times are detailed with the level of marks that can be achieved for each element.

Inspections will occur as follows:

Thursday Uniform inspection

Immediately after the opening ceremony, patrols will go directly to their sites and uniform will be inspected. While you are waiting to have your uniform inspected you may commence building your site but you must remain in uniform. For this inspection your patrol must be in full and correct SI uniform or be in the uniform of your own Scout or Guide Association.

The SI uniform should be worn in accordance with the SI uniform guidelines and should include SI shirt and if appropriate Sea Scout Jumper with appropriate badges, Group neckerchief and woggle, SI long trousers, SI belt, SI jacket [optional] and dark footwear. If your group has adopted any of the additional uniform items then the patrol should also wear these.

As is normal on scouting activities the leader in charge, depending on weather may decide on issues such as whether sleeves are to worn rolled up etc. Failing any such communication the patrol should wear their full SI uniform as per the guidelines.

Progress inspection

While you are building your site on Thursday the campcraft team will be available to advise if you require any assistance. They will also monitor that patrols are working safely and that key gadgets like the alter fires are safe. During this time they will mark your patrol on teamwork and leadership but will not be marking anything else.

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Friday Site inspection

The following will be assessed during this inspection:

1. The gadget built to support your alter fire and how effective it is and is it safe
2. Are all sleeping and store tents correctly pitched
3. Is there water available on the site
4. Are the gadgets you built being used for the purpose for which they were built
5. Is food properly stored
6. Is the site and tents tidy and is all of the cooking equipment and utensils clean
7. Is there a first aid kit available on the patrol site
8. Is the site safe

Test Meal [Friday or Saturday as per Document 09]

You will be required to cook a meal for the full patrol to include a starter **or** desert, and a main course with meat and two vegetables. **Introducing a third course is optional for all patrols but there are no extra marks available for this.** If you have a vegetarian in your patrol then suitable alternative food must be prepared for this patrol member too.

All food on your menu must be cooked on an open fire, on your campsite. To achieve maximum marks you should pay attention to:

1. How you use your alter fire
2. That you have adequate timber and water on site to prepare and cook the meal
3. That your patrol acts in a safe manner at all times in the use of axe and knife, when preparing food and in their use of the alter fire
4. The food is properly cooked and served up to the full patrol when it is ready
5. That the patrol works as a team when preparing the meal [The leadership given to the patrol during the preparation of the meal will also be assessed. Remember that leadership will be assessed on both the patrol leader and the task leader who in this case would be the chef]
6. That when the meal is finished, that all of the equipment used in its preparation and in its consumption is cleaned and tidied away. This should be completed before you leave the site for the evening activities.

Please remember to ensure the inspection team is present on your site when you are ready to serve up your meal. To ensure there is no delay let the team know a little while in advance of the time you will be ready.

Other meals that will be assessed

To ensure that patrols are getting the correct nourishment during the event your Sub Camp team will visit your site to assess all other meals.

During these inspections your patrol will be assessed to ensure that you have well thought out menus that ensure the patrol has a balanced diet for the entire weekend.

Saturday morning inspection

The following will be assessed during this inspection:

1. The kitchen gadget will be assessed for how effective it is and for its soundness and structure.
2. Are the gadgets you built being used for the purpose for which they were built
3. The structure and how well your shelter is pitched will be assessed. Particular attention will be paid to whether it is adequate for the use by your full patrol
4. The waste disposal gadget and its use will be assessed
5. Is the site safe



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6. The gadget to support your food storage facility and is food properly and hygienically stored bearing food safety in mind
7. Is the site and tents tidy and is all of the cooking equipment and utensils clean

Saturday evening inspection

The following will be assessed during this inspection:

1. The lay out of the site and the use of boundaries
2. Is there adequate wood and water available on the site
3. Is the table and seating gadget properly built and structurally sound and will it accommodate the full patrol
4. Are the sleeping and store tents tidy
5. Is the site safe
6. Is food and equipment properly stored
7. Is the site tidy and is cooking equipment and eating utensils clean
8. Is there good team work and has the patrol got good leadership

Sunday morning

The following will be assessed during this inspection:

1. The gate built by the patrol will be assessed
2. Are the gadgets you built being used for the purpose for which they were built
3. Is the site safe
4. Is there a facility built by the patrol to allow members of the patrol to wash on site
5. Is the site and tents tidy and is all of the cooking equipment and utensils clean
6. Is waste being properly managed on the site
7. Is food and equipment properly stored
8. Cleanliness of general patrol gear
9. Site layout
10. Is each member of the patrol's personal kit packed and stored neatly

Final inspection

When you commence dismantling your site at 10.30 a.m. an inspection team will identify themselves to you as being your inspection team for this inspection. It is expected that by 12.30 your site should be fully dismantled and your equipment should be laid out for inspection. If you are not ready by this time marks will be deducted.

The following will be assessed during this inspection:

1. Teamwork and leadership
2. Site cleanliness
3. Personal kit and personal eating utensils
4. Cleanliness of general patrol gear
5. Cleanliness of tent pegs
6. Waste disposal
7. Lay out of equipment for inspection
8. Personal hygiene

When the patrol has completed taking down the site they should get into full and correct SI uniform or the uniform of their own Scout or Guide association and have lunch.

Should there be any major safety issues in regard to a patrol's campsite the Sub Camp Chief will be informed and s/he will arrange assistance for the patrol to take the necessary action to improve their situation.

