



## Cabin camping

*Before completing this charm, girls should have completed the Be Wild, Be Free patch as well as leave no trace, first aid, and fire charms. If you plan on using knives for cooking or other things, girls should complete that charm as well.*

\*Cabin camping and tent camping differ only in that cabin camping has structural walls surrounding you while you are sleeping and tents are canvas. Many of the rules for cabin camping and tent camping are the same. \*

### Daisy/Brownie

- Help plan a camping trip
  - With your leader, decide where you would like to go. Discuss what you will eat, what you will need to bring, & what activities you will do on your camping trip
  - Plan a simple meal that you can make yourselves. At daisy level this may be a cold meal (think finger foods or sandwiches)
  - Be sure to set up a kaper chart before you leave on your trip.
    - What will each girl be in charge of bringing for the trip?
    - What will each girls' job be on the trip?
  - Create a packing list so everyone has all their essentials.
    - Girls should assist in the actual packing so they know where all of their things are.
  - Review LNT principles so girls are aware of how their actions affect others
- Go camping!
  - Set up your cabin and get sleeping arrangements out of the way first thing.
  - Enjoy the space outside the cabin
    - Be sure to spot any dangers (animal homes, poison oak, or thistles) Point these out to the girls so they are aware of them.
    - Play an active game or take a short hike. (don't forget your water!)
    - Learn to tie a simple knot
  - Enjoy the space inside the cabin
    - Play a card game or a trivia game in the evening to wind down.
    - Tell fun stories, or talk about each person's favorite part of the day.

### **Junior/Cadette:**

- If this will be your first campout, you should review all the steps for Daisy and Brownie so you are prepared for camping out.
- Choose your campout!
  - Where will you go? What will you need to pack? As a troop, create a personal packing list and a troop packing list. Keep in mind how many days you will be camping.
  - As a troop, create a kaper chart. Each person should have job for each activity of the camping trip. This is another time when you need to keep in mind how many days you are camping.
- On your campout, be sure to enjoy the natural world. Keep electronics out of your camping time!
  - Enjoy the space outside of your cabin by taking a hike, playing a game of flashlight tag, possibly even having a campfire and s'mores!
  - Enjoy the space inside your cabin by playing a card game, a board game, or an old fashioned game like "blind man's bluff."
- Remember to leave the space better than you found it. When it's time to leave, make sure you have all of your things, remove any garbage and clean surfaces. Pick up any trash outside of the cabin as well, even if you didn't put it there.

### **Senior/Ambassador**

- If this is your first time camping, review the information from the Daisy-Cadette section.
- Decide where you would like to camp.
- Decide on a way to help the area you choose to camp in. it may be a trash pickup, beautifying the campground or helping work on a trail. Talk to the park rangers to find out what your troop can do to help out.
- Remember to have fun on your campout! Play games, have a campfire, eat s'mores. Camping is a great way to bond with your troop.