

## Camp Duties

Everyone at camp should contribute in doing the chores. By ensuring the girls have chores to do, making it clear what these chores are and also making it clear who is expected to do what and when will help to make your camps successful. Clearly designating the responsibilities of Guiders and Parent helpers will also help your camp run smoothly. The following are some examples of duties for staff, patrol duties for both Spark/Brownies and Guide/Pathfinders and girl duties within a patrol for Guides/Pathfinders. Duties and chores for Rangers can often be less structured.

### Staff

There are some basic positions staff must fill. These are: Responsible Guider, First Aider, and Quarter Master. You will also usually need other helper Guiders and/or parents. I have found that it is better if Guiders and parents know specifically what their expected duties and chores are. This can be easily done during your program planning. If possible, all adults who will be at camp should be part of a planning meeting. An example of what a program may look like would be:

Friday

4pm camp boundaries and rules – Responsible Guider, Lori

4:15 welcome game – Kim

4:30 supper prep – QM, Lois and helpers, Janet and Connie

5:30 supper

6 clean up and duties

6:30 craft Jane

etc.

You might also choose to have older girls attend camp as cabin leaders. The right cabin leaders can be extremely helpful. The young girls really enjoy the older girls and the older girls have a wonderful opportunity to lead.

You must also fill the requirements of Safe Guide. This includes a Home Contact Person, a designated Guider to replace the Responsible Guider, and someone designated to make any necessary emergency phone calls.

### Patrol Duties

Sparks and Brownies should help with the chores. Obviously they are not going to do as much work or as complicated a chore as older girls, but by giving them jobs to do and helping them do them is the progressionary way they learn.

Some possible Lend a Hand duties are:

set tables,

after meals wipe tables & sweep floor

clean bathrooms

do dishes

kitchen helpers – peel carrots, scrub potatoes, wash lettuce etc.

assemble wood and water for campfire – lay and possibly light campfire

litter patrol

It works more easily if you have the same number of duties as you have patrols. One of the first duties I would consider dropping are dishes. The girls are very slow and don't often do a very good job.

Guides/Pathfinders duties will vary somewhat depending on the type of camp your girls are doing. The following duties would be suitable for a camp of 5 patrols. Patrol duties for this age of girl could be:

rise and shine – morning exercise and reading

colours – raise and lower flag

campfire – assemble wood and water, lay, light and keep the fire going, plan songs

QM helper – get her any necessary wood and water, assist as needed

sanitation – clean biffies, replace grey water screening material

## **Girl Duties**

Within a patrol there are a number of duties that must be performed. Again depending on the type of camp and the type of cooking your girls are doing will influence the girl duties. The following duties would be suitable if they were cooking on fires. If they do propane stove cooking you would have to vary the chores somewhat. The following would be for a patrol of 5 girls. If you had fewer girls in a patrol, you would need to alter the list accordingly.

Meal Co-ordinator – get food and instructions from QM, explain meal to patrol and organize

Table setter – sets and clears/cleans table

fire marshal – lights and tends fire

dish washer – keeps water pails filled. Heats dish water

wood supplier – assembles and ensures there is enough wood for cooking fire

Note: all girls assist in meal preparation, doing dishes, airing bedding and general site cleanliness.