Campout Safety Checklist

Boy Scouts of America

Campout Description: _____

Campout Date(s): _____ Campout Location: _____

Campout Organizer: _____ Health and Safety Officer: _____

The following checklist provides guidance on safety issues that you may encounter at a Scouting campout. Along with the *Guide to Safe Scouting* and the tour and activity plan, this tool will help you in having conversations on identifying risks that need to be mitigated or eliminated.

Campout Risks	Yes	No	N/A	Mitigation/Comments
Planning				
1. Does everyone attending have a current Annual Health and Medical Record?				
2. Are all leaders current on their Youth Protection training (valid for two years)?				
3. Do leaders have program-specific training (e.g., Safety Afloat, Range Safety Officer, etc.)?				
4. If swimming or boating is involved, is there a BSA-certified lifeguard responsible for the waterfront?				
5. Have weather conditions been checked and communicated?				
6. Have maps to the campsite been printed and handed out?				
7. Do parents have contact information for adult leaders attending the campout?				
8. Does the unit have a fully charged and operable fire extinguisher?				
9. Has a tour and activity plan been prepared and submitted on MyScouting?				
10. Is a seat belt available for each attendee in any vehicles that will be used?				
11. Are all drivers licensed and insured?				
12. Have all drivers taken Risk Zone driver training?				
13. Is the unit first-aid kit in good order?				
14. Has the *Guide to Safe Scouting* been reviewed for program safety requirements?				
15. Is a copy of the *Guide to Safe Scouting* available on the campout?				
16. Are the program areas age appropriate for the youth?				
17. Is at least one participant certified in CPR and first aid?				
18. Is specialized safety equipment needed and available (e.g., life jacket, safety glasses, gloves, etc.)?				
19. Have emergency plans been established for the following?				
a. Severe weather				
b. Lost Scout				
c. Sick Scout requiring urgent care (non-ER)				
d. Evacuation from campsite				
20. Has an adult been assigned to help Scouts with taking meds?				

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1. Has the campsite been surveyed for potential hazards (e.g., glass, dead branches, large ant beds, etc.)?				
2. Has the location of the nearest hospital/ER been identified and announced to all adults?				
3. Is a mechanism in place for contacting a camp ranger or camp office (e.g., walkie-talkie, mobile phone, etc.)?				
4. Has the Unit Fireguard Plan been prepared and posted?				
5. Has a fire extinguisher been placed close to the campfire and/or other heat sources?				
6. Is the campfire in a campfire ring or in an area designated for a fire?				
7. Is the unit first-aid kit in a conspicuous location and readily available?				
8. Have equipment or tools been inspected prior to use?				
9. Have parking plans or areas been established to minimize vehicular traffic?				
10. Has the unit conducted a quick safety meeting to convey any important safety information?				
After Campout				
1. Have any incidents been recorded and reported, if necessary, to BSA professionals?				
2. Have the adult and youth leaders captured any lessons learned from the campout?				
Miscellaneous				