

ENSS Campsite Routines

After a long hard day of paddling, there is nothing like pulling into your campsite and unloading your canoe. The follow list is meant to be a guide to help you establish proper campsite routines that are expected of you as an OE student.

- Once you arrive to the campsite, unload you canoe **fully** and find a suitable location (well away from the water) to properly “turtle” your canoe with your paddles underneath.
- You should drop off your food barrel at the campsite fire pit as this will serve are our group kitchen. If there is more than one fire pit, then just wait on further instruction from a leader.
- If you are one of the first groups at the site, then you should scan the **entire** site for suitable tent spots. Some group tents will require larger spots and groups might be asked to move in order to fit everyone on a particular site.
- Set up your tents fully and unpack your night kit and get reasonably settled inside of your tent, especially if you are in a tent of 3 or more people. Your tent should be rigged up fully and ready for any inclement weather that might occur throughout the day/evening.
- Every food group is responsible for setting a bear hang. This should be done during the **daylight** hours (preferably prior to dinner)
- If there is free time prior to dinner, feel free to do any of the following:
 - go swimming (with Mr. Kovacs acting as a life guard)
 - practice your tandem or solo paddling stokes (again notifying Mr. Kovacs and you must go out with at least two boats)
 - write in your journal
 - sit and watch the waves on the shoreline
 - collect firewood
 - start a fire (in the designated kitchen fire pit)
 - use the facilities (as we only usually have one “thunderbox” for a large group of people, so sometimes you will need to be “johnny on the spot”).
- Dinner:
 - eat everything you make, otherwise you will have to **PACK IT OUT!!**
 - all minor food scraps can either go into the fire or garbage
 - keep all food items, dishes, pots, etc. all in the kitchen area only ... don’t wander into your sleeping area with food remember we are trying to keep bears away from where we sleep!!!!
 - be social and share some food samples with others on the trip. We are all out here to learn from each other and enjoy our time on trip!!
- If there is free time after dinner, feel free to do any of the following:
 - wash your dishes and hang them to dry
 - get changed into your night clothes/layers
 - brush your teeth and get yourself sorted out in terms of personal toiletries
 - put up your bear hang
 - hang out by the fire

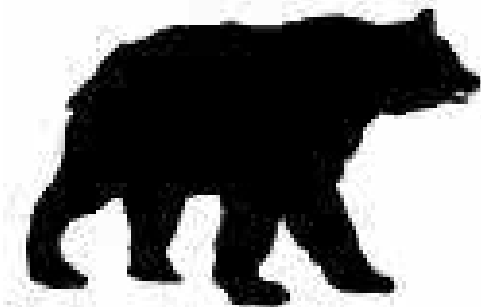


- Evening rules:

- boys in boy tents and girls in girl tent ONLY!!
- lights out and quite by 10 pm ... you will need your sleep, so get it!!!
- remember that sound carries and tents don't have **ANY** soundproofing!!
- make sure that all items are packed up for the night and that your tent is rigged out properly for foul weather. You should assume that it could rain every night, so when it does, you can sleep soundly because nothing of yours will be getting wet!!
- make a pile of your clothes for the morning ... this will save you time!!!
- have your flashlight handy for evening bathroom runs ... make sure that you travel some distance away from your/others tents prior to relieving yourself!!

Morning rules:

- your tent should be **down** prior to anyone from your tent group eating breakfast.
- you will have 2 hours from wake up to get packed and be on the water!! So don't waste your time and be efficient. It also helps to keep your stuff well organized and in one spot.
- take your boat and gear down to the put-in and help others do the same!!



*****Put this in your journal*****