

How to get prepared for Camp

1. Don't stress.
 - a. You are going to be at a council owned and run scout camp (Hood Scout Reservation) [8065 Old Port Gibson Rd, Hazlehurst, MS 39083](#)). This is a great experience, but it's not the uncharted wilderness. You'll be within walking distance of your car, first aid, and food. So focus on having fun and learning, not all the things that could (but won't) go wrong.
2. Pack Menu, Food and Kitchen Duty
 - a. All of the meals will be planned and purchased as a pack before we get to HSR (Hood Scout Reservation) [8065 Old Port Gibson Rd, Hazlehurst, MS 39083](#)
 - b. Most of the food will be cooked on a flat top propane grill and a big cast iron skillet the pack has. If you have any special dietary items we need to be aware of please tell your den leader asap.
 - i. Everyone is on their own for Friday evening. (most people bring a sandwich or pick up something in Hazlehurst before they arrive)
 - ii. Saturday Moring we will have eggs, bacon, cereal and some fresh fruit. We will have turkey bacon for those who do not eat beef or pork (We will need help from parents cooking and cleaning so we can have all of the boys dressed and at the Flag ceremony at 8:15 sharp Saturday morning)
 - iii. Saturday Lunch we will have sandwiches and chips (everyone will be responsible for making their own)
 - iv. Saturday Evening we will have hamburgers and hot dogs and chips. We will have turkey burgers and dogs for those who do not eat beef or pork. (After dinner Saturday night we normally fix brownies in the Dutch ovens we have. We also clean up all of the items so they will be easy to put back in the pack trailer Sunday morning)
 - v. Sunday Morning Breakfast we normally have honey buns and cereal and try not to dirty anything else up.
3. Pack Chores
 - a. We will be responsible for a cleaning schedule for the bathrooms and showers. This will be assigned to us at the leaders meeting on Friday evening. Every pack will be responsible for doing this throughout the weekend

4. Camp Location (Campsite 1)
 - a. There are showers and bathrooms close by
 - b. It is close to the parking lot in case you need to walk to your car to get something
5. What to do when you arrive
 - a. If the gate is still open you can drive down to the campsite, unload your items, take your car back to the parking lot and then come back to setup your tent and camp
 - b. If the gate is not open you will need to carry all of your items to the camp. Small fold up wagons come in handy to do this.
 - c. Attend the Saturday events with your den throughout the day, attend campfire that night.
6. Required prerequisite before camp outings
 - a. Make sure you register for the camp through the [BSA website](#) (if you register late you will have to pay \$5 more per person)
 - i. Bring your receipt so they can verify you have paid when you arrive at camp
 - ii. You will be given a schedule at check in that normally includes all activities, patches and information relevant to the camp.
 - b. It is important to register early so they know how many people will be attending from our Pack. The Council assigns campsites by knowing how many we have.
 - c. Make sure [Scout Health form filled out \(parts A & B only\)](#) no doctor is required for this
 - i. Please print out the completed form and place in a folder with your child's name on it
 - ii. Will need a separate form for all adults as well in an envelope
 - d. Please let your Den Leader and cub master know about any food allergies you or your child may have.
 - e. Pay your pack kitchen dues for your family (\$20 per family) to the pack treasurer 2 weeks before campout
 - f. Make sure you've practiced setting up your tent, and verify you have all the stakes, etc. Never neglect to put on the fly, even if you don't think you need it.
7. Bring all items on the what to bring camping sheet
 - a. You can fit most of them in a [large plastic tub](#) and will also make this water resistant in case of rain and you can leave it outside the tent if needed.
 - b. Bring a few snacks and beverages if you like (ice chest)