

CAMPING POTLUCK ETIQUETTE

Do contact the host for particulars Ask what everyone is bringing. Get on the List. Avoid “repeats” Eight potato salads and seven bean dips, does not a successful Potluck make.

Do ask the Host on how many people will be participating, so you may adjust your portions accordingly. Be creative.

Refrain from hardcore ethnic specialties, which contain pungent spices, special animal parts or unrecognizable ingredients. This will spare you the embarrassment when you find most of it heaped by the bushes uneaten or the hostile stares from everyone hanging around the outhouse.

Do not hand the Host a Costco bag of chopped lettuce with a gallon of salad dressing and say “Done!” This goes for the 5-gallon can of Beanie Wienies. Do bring you shared dish, fully prepared and ready to eat in a disposable container with an appropriate serving utensil. The Host is not responsible for serving or preparing your dish.

Please make arrangements with the Host beforehand, should your dish require re-heating or special handling. Do not assume the Host will avail their resources to you on short notice. Plan accordingly.

For the Bachelors or those who are “culinary challenged” and have difficulties in boiling water; There are many restaurants along the way that provide “take out” orders. A bucket of KFC goes a long way in brownie points, than a box of crackers and a jar of peanut butter. Your contribution should be equitable to others.

Do bring your own dining plates, eating utensils and drinks. Don’t forget folding chairs if you cannot eat standing up. The Host is not a restaurant supply company.

Do come early and help the Host set up.

Do stay late and help the Host clean up. Please bring your own trash back to your camp. The Host’s campsite is not a waste station.

Do remember that the Host is merely an organizer who is sharing their campsite and that the Potluck is a cooperative event. When done right by all, can be a truly entertaining and tantalizing culinary event.

Thank you

Your Camp Potluck Host

P.S. Canine etiquette: The Host would appreciate your dogs placed on a leash away from the dining area during the Potluck.

And please remember that poop sacks are always a necessity in and around the camp vicinity.