

CAMPSITE



SELECTION AND SETUP

CAMPSITE SELECTION

Choosing the right campsite can make or break your experience. A good site allows you to practice the principles of Leave No Trace camping.

CAMP SMART

- Tents will mat down vegetation and deprive it of air, water and sunlight
- Walking to and from pathways in and around the camp will trample vegetation and form unwanted paths
- Heavy foot traffic in the same area will compact the soil, making it difficult for new vegetation to grow
- Should bypass places that might not withstand the impact of camping and hiking

Campsite Guidelines

- **Environmental Impact:** use established campsites whenever you can
- **Safety:** avoid dead trees and limbs (widow makers), be weather wise
- **Size:** comply with area regulations on group use. Choose a site that is large enough to accommodate the group
- **Water:** be sure there is a safe and sufficient supply of water
- **Terrain:** consider drainage, natural cover and sunlight before setting up
- **Stoves & Campfires:** use lightweight stoves whenever possible. Use existing policy if you must use a fire.
- **Privacy:** respect privacy and solitude of others
- **Permission:** when camping on private property, get permission in advance. Get permission from land managers for using public lands. Secure proper permits.

Setting Camp:

- Locate tent sites
- Locate dinning fly sites
- Locate kitchen/ food prep sites
- Locate cooking sites
- Set up tents
- Set up dining fly
- Locate water supply
- Gather wood/ build fire

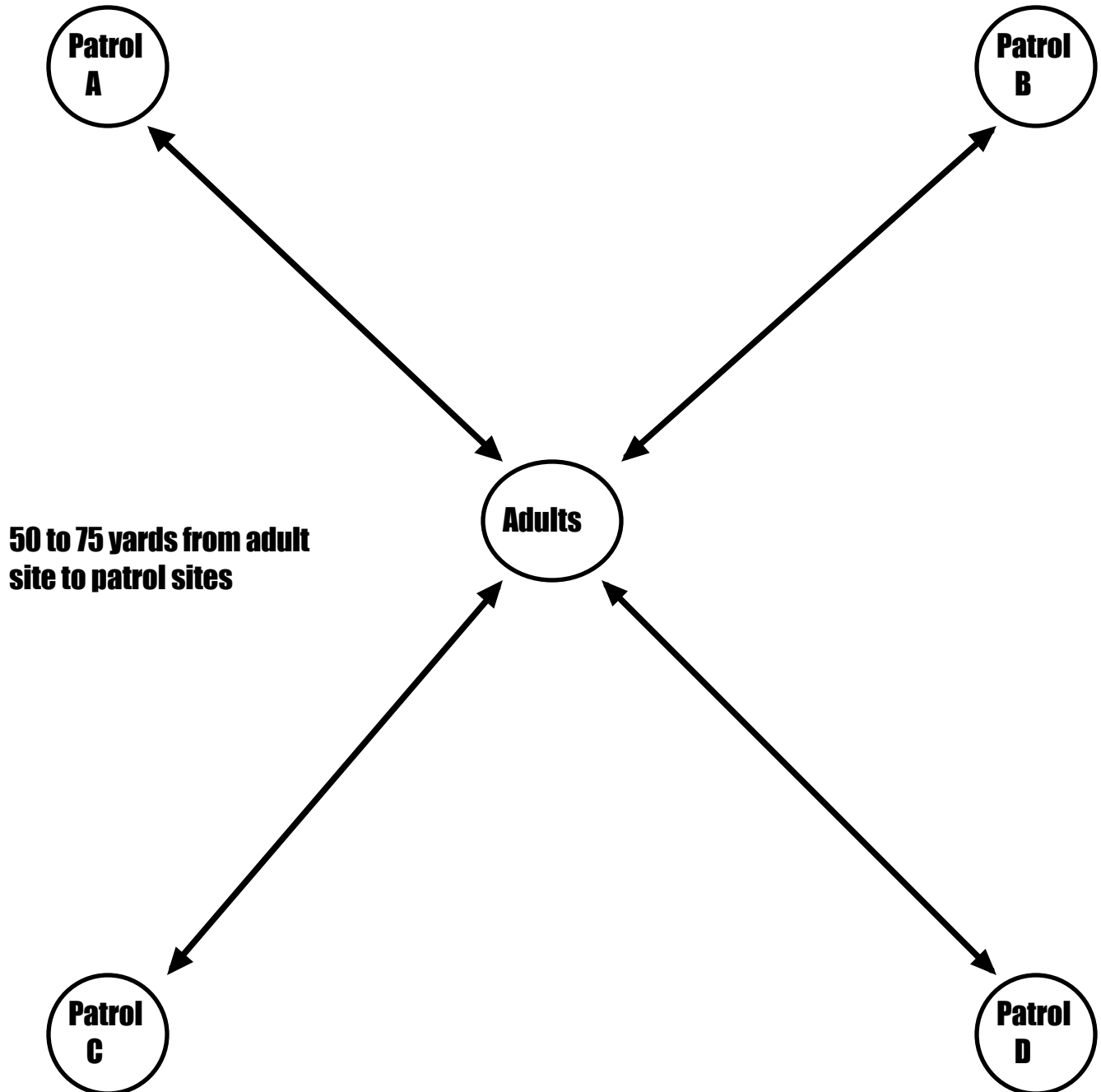
Helpful Hints

- Check ground area before setting up tent. Avoid rocks and branches that could puncture the tent floor.
- Set tents at least 30 feet from fire ring.
- Always have a ground cloth under your tent, tucked under the edges so as not to be exposed to the elements
- Leave your backpack outside of your tent. Hang it on a tree.
- Place only your personal gear (sleeping bag, pad, clothing) in the tent.
- Never have food in a tent.
- Have an extra stuff sack for your boots. Keeps tent floor clean.
- Leave a window slightly open at night for ventilation – even in winter.
- Air out your tent and sleeping bag during the day. Removes moisture and condensation.
- Place a space blanket under your pad for extra insulation from ground cold.

Troop Plan

- Set patrols out like the spokes of a wheel. This allows each patrol to have its own space.
- Make sure each patrol follows the guidelines and spacing.
- Set adult in the center/ hub of the wheel. This allows the adults to observe from the center.
- Adults should also set up their site according to the plan. Leaders lead by example.

TROOP CAMPSITE LAYOUT



PATROL CAMPSITE LAYOUT

