

Troop 119 Quartermaster  
After the trip – caring for troop equipment

Troop 119 uses camping gear almost every month! Proper care and maintenance AFTER each trip is critical for the next trip. At the end of every trip the troop quartermaster divides up the troop equipment and assigns to scouts to take home for cleaning and care. Here's what to do:

**Tent:**

Moisture is a tent killer. If properly dried, a tent will last generations. If not, mold can destroy it after one trip. Tents are expensive – caring for our tents is important for the troop to remain active.

1. Unpack and open the tent immediately, clean it and allow to dry.
  - ❖ Open the zippers and empty out any debris – trash, sticks, leaves, etc.
  - ❖ Dry the open tent off the ground. An outdoor clothesline or rope strung between two trees on a sunny day is best – about 2 hours.
  - ❖ If continued rain is the forecast, hang indoors or in a dry garage works – 1-2 days.
  - ❖ During bad weather, some people pitch the tent indoors for a few days.
2. Check that the tent has all its parts. (use the tent parts checklist) before repacking.
3. Inform the quartermaster of any damage or missing parts.

RETURN THE TENT AT THE NEXT TROOP MEETING AND MAKE SURE THE  
QUARTEMASTER CHECKS YOU OFF.

**Patrol Box:**

A messed up patrol box can mess up your patrol's next trip.

1. Open the box, take everything out and check that it is clean.
  - ❖ Remove trash or food that might spoil.
  - ❖ Wash pots and utensils if not already clean.
  - ❖ Wipe out box.
2. Check that the patrol box has all its parts (use patrol box checklist) and make sure everything is dry before repacking.
3. Inform quartermaster of any damage or missing parts.

RETURN THE PATROL BOX AT THE NEXT TROOP MEETING AND MAKE SURE THE  
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**Cast Iron Cookware:**

A lot of time and effort was spent seasoning the troop's cast iron dutch ovens and griddles before their first use. NEVER SCRUB CAST IRON WITH ABRASIVES OR WASH WITH SOAP OR DETERGENT. Doing so will remove the protective coating and the pan will need re-seasoning.

1. Open / take out of box and check – wipe off dirt or debris with paper towel. If it doesn't come clean, try again with a few drops of vegetable oil.
2. Heavy buildup in can be removed by soaking with very hot water for 30 minutes and wiping. Dry thoroughly and wipe with a few drops of vegetable oil afterwards.
3. Inform quartermaster of any damage or problems.

RETURN THE COOKWARE AT THE NEXT TROOP MEETING AND MAKE SURE THE  
QUARTEMASTER CHECKS YOU OFF.

**Stoves:**

1. Open stove and make sure it is clean – scrape out any food crusties
2. Wipe out interior with a soapy sponge to remove grease.
3. Inform quartermaster of any damage or missing parts.

RETURN THE STOVE AT THE NEXT TROOP MEETING AND MAKE SURE THE  
QUARTEMASTER CHECKS YOU OFF.