

UNIVERSAL RULES OF BOY SCOUT CAMPING

1. The number of mosquitoes at any given location is inversely proportional to the amount of repellent remaining.
2. The distance to a given campsite remains constant as twilight approaches.
3. Any stone in a hiking boot will migrate to the point of maximum pressure.
4. The probability of diarrhea increases with the square of the poison ivy content in the local vegetation.
5. Members of the opposite sex are only encountered while dealing with diarrhea relating to #4 above.
6. The area of level ground in a given campsite diminishes as the need to make camp becomes finite.
7. Tent stakes come only in the quantity "N-1" where N = the number of stakes required to stake down a tent.
8. When utilizing a mummy bag, the urgency to urinate is inversely proportional to the amount of clothing worn. (There is also a correlation that is inversely proportional to the temperature + the degree to which the mummy bag is completely zipped).
9. Waterproof clothing isn't. (However it demonstrates 100% effectiveness at containing sweat.)
10. The weight of a backpack increases in direct proportion to the amount of food consumed from it.
11. When executing the instructions of a pump-activated water filter, the term "hour" should be substituted for "minute" when calculating average quarts per minute.
12. Average temperature increases/decreases inversely with the amount of clothing available.
13. When hiking boots are removed, it is not possible to put them back on.
14. Water bottles that are full when packed, will spontaneously deplete prior to arrival at campsite.
15. Under any conditions, matches will find a way to get wet.
16. Under any conditions, everything meant to be kept dry will find a way to get wet.
17. A single rock located under any tent will also be located under the sleeping bag.
18. Your side of the tent will always be the side that leaks.
19. Universally, all foods assume a uniform taste, texture, and color when freeze-dried. (When reconstituting, divide number of servings by two)
20. All tree branches in a forest grow outward from their respective trunks at exactly the height of a human nose (unless interaction is with human males, in which case branches will also grow at groin height).

21. The toothpick in a Swiss Army knife evaporates as soon as the box is opened.
22. The sun sets 3.5 times faster than normal when you're trying to set up camp.
23. A sufficient amount of dirt will get tracked into the tent on the first day out, that the food required for the rest of the trip can be grown in rows between the sleeping bags.
24. No matter where you're going it is the wrong path.
25. No matter where you end up it is the wrong campsite.