**Mackenzie Heights District Camping Equipment – Expectations for Use and Care**

* Please bring all equipment back in the condition it was loaned to you.
* Be sure to let MHD know about any repairs or replacements required, no matter how minor.
* Please go through these instructions with the girls so they also know how to treat the equipment.

**Tents**

* Be gentle with the zippers. Be sure the girls open both zippers all the way before getting in or out of a tent.
* Tents should never be stepped on while wearing shoes – kneel on the tent while putting it up if absolutely necessary, and take shoes off before going in and out once it’s up.
* After camp: Clean tents, flies, groundsheets (footprint) with water as needed to remove mud or dust. Hang to dry at home.
* Rinse or wipe poles and pegs to clean off any dirt.
* Double check that all pieces from each tent are together. Roll the entire package and store in its bag once everything is completely dry.

**Patrol Bins & Wash Basins**

* Everything else in the bin is to be washed at home after camp. Do not repack anything that is not completely dry.
* The bin itself is to be washed with hot water and soap or bleach and dried completely before it is packed.
* Keep the soap and bleach bottles in its Ziplock bag.
* The box of matches in each bin is to be kept in its Ziplock bag.
* Wash and dry all wash basins.

**Stoves**

* Clean all surfaces of each stove well with soap and hot water, or use Comet for more stubborn spills. Pack the stove only once it’s dry. Make sure the fuel connection is safely inside the stove and hasn’t been misplaced.

**Roasting sticks**

* Clean each sticks with soap and hot water.

**Suggestions for Guiders:**

* Decide with the girls (or parents) before camp how the equipment will be split up for cleaning and drying. (e.g. the tent, fly , and poles/groundsheet each go home with different girls in a patrol. The patrol box and its contents are split between two other girls.)
* Have the girls return gear to a unit meeting. Double-check that everything is clean, dry and in good repair before assembling.
* Make time during the meeting for the girls to reassemble tents into their bags and cooking equipment into the patrol boxes using the check list.

**Thank you for your responsible use of your district equipment!**