

How to shop for your patrol



Thanks for volunteering to shop for your patrol. For many of you, this is an important skill and rank requirement (First Class 2b, Cooking MB). For others, it's just part of being an active member of your patrol.

Patrol(s): _____

Either way, here are some guidelines for shopping:

1. With the help of the other campers, plan a well-balanced meal using the "meal planning form" in the file cabinet. Be sure to check the list of campers and fill out the duty roster for the campout. Have an ASM attending the campout approve it. Remind the ASM to take a picture of the meal plan/duty roster.
2. If you're working on the cooking merit badge, have your merit badge counsellor approve it too.
3. Money: $\# \text{ Members } \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \times \text{ Budget } (\$12) = \$ \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
 - a. (Preferred) Check with your parent to see if you can pay for the groceries and turn in receipts to get (up to \$10/head) reimbursement after the campout. Otherwise,
 - b. Take the approved meal plan to the troop treasurer to get your (normally) \$12/head food allotment as cash. You will be required to return receipts and/or change to the treasurer to avoid having to pay the ENTIRE food budget back to the troop.
4. See the quartermaster to check out your patrol's cooler and dry box to take with you.
5. On Wed or Thurs before the campout, visit a nearby grocery store to secure the ingredients. Be sure to follow your meal plan, and double-check for any allergies in your patrol. **Save your meal plan and receipts.** Ice down the cooler.
6. Try to get a bag of ice for the cooler on Friday, especially in the summer.
7. Arrive early to campout drop-off (6pm) with the cooler and dry-box. Be sure to bring your meal plan/duty roster in the dry-box so it can be posted/referred to during the campout.
8. Normally you'll act as head cook for the campout. Different requirements such as 2nd or 1st class or the cooking merit badge may alter this setup.
9. At the end of the campout, you may split leftovers between patrol members or take them home.
10. At campout pick-up, bring the cooler and dry-box home.
11. Dry and clean the cooler and dry-box
12. Return cooler/dry-box to the quartermaster at the next troop meeting.
13. Submit your receipts and the meal-planning form to the troop treasurer at the next troop meeting. If you paid for the groceries, you'll get a check to reimburse you. If you got cash, submit your change. **Note: If you don't submit receipts or change within one month, you will need to pay the entire food budget back to the troop.**
14. Don't forget to get any requirements you've finished signed off in your book!