

Troop 29

Grubmaster Guidelines

Troop 29 goes camping once a month and each patrol is responsible for the Friday evening snack, and 4 meals each patrol will cook and eat on Saturday (breakfast, lunch, dinner) and Sunday (breakfast). The patrol will assign the responsibility of purchasing the food to one of the scouts and this person is called the **Grubmaster**.

The following guidelines should help you understand these duties, and if needed to assist your Scout in completing the job:

1. The Scout should come home from the Troop meeting with:
 - a. A menu and recipe/idea for the dinner
 - b. A blank shopping list for the other meals (also available online)
 - c. A dry goods box (action packer); if not, it will be at the trailer for departure on Friday.
 - d. A cooler for the refrigerated items; if not, it will be at the trailer for departure on Friday.
2. The Grubmaster should get a final number of Scouts from his patrol no later than Wednesday evening from his Patrol Leader. If the Patrol Leader does not call him, he should call the Patrol Leader.
3. Unless your scout has not participated with Troop 29 in our First Year program this SHOULD NOT be the first time your Scout has been through this process; however, this may be the first time your Scout is doing it on his own (without a scout leader or Troop Guide to help him).
4. Please review the menu and help your Scout convert the menu to a shopping list. Helping him think through meals often will turn up forgotten items. I.e. You might ask, "What else do you want on your sandwich? Mayo, mustard?" Make sure all items needed are on the list.
5. Take your Scout shopping and let him do the shopping. Your job is be the banker and to advise him, NOT shop for him. He has a budget of \$18 (as of 2021) per scout for the weekend to spend on food. Help him stay within his budget. This is part of learning how to make choices and to budget. Your Scout may need to choose a store brand over a name brand or eliminate something extra from the list. This will prevent the purchase of frivolous items such as candy bars, extra chips, snacks, etc. He may need to purchase ice for the cooler and place all items that will spoil in the cooler. Please use your judgment and help your Scout shop wisely.
6. Please save register receipts for reimbursement by the troop. Troop 29 cannot reimburse for purchases without receipts. Have your Scout bring receipts to the next troop meeting and present them to the troop treasurer (adult) for reimbursement.
7. On Friday evening, please arrive early and bring the food and cooler to the troop trailer in the parking lot at RCCPC.

Thank you for helping your Scout. This process is a good lesson on shopping, planning and staying within a budget. A life lesson that everyone must learn at some time.