

Harford District
2016 Cub Scout Day Camp
June 27 - July 1
Cub-struction

Castaway I

Fire Building & Cooking



Station Volunteer's Guide

Thank you for being a station volunteer! The stations are the heart of camp and truly provide our scouts with an opportunity to try out a new skill (or build on one they know) while having a great time. Our volunteers' knowledge and enthusiasm is what makes our camp great!

To make running the station easier, please take some time to read through the station guide. **While, what is being covered at the station needs to remain as outlined so that the scouts earn the correct achievements, how it is covered is only one of many methods.** If you find a better way to accomplish the requirements or if the method we have outlined doesn't seem to be working...please feel free to change it! This is only a guide...do what works best for you and the scouts coming to your station.

One other thing to keep in mind - some stations will be visited by all ranks. That means you may have 6 year olds through 11 year olds and may have to simplify or intensify the methods to meet the skills and knowledge of all the scouts.

Thanks again - we are glad to have you as part of Harford Day Camp!

Station Procedures

- The first station begins at 10:15 on Monday and 9:15 other days...so you have some time! We've tried to only schedule 2 dens at a time (max. 24 boys) but, there may be times when you have 3. Consult your station schedule so you will know who to expect and when.
- Greet dens as they arrive. Many will have a den cheer, ask to hear it!
- Once all the dens arrive or the start time has come, begin going through the procedures for the station. **It is very important that you start and end on time!** Each time slot lasts 45 minutes. If a den arrives 10 minutes late, they CANNOT stay 10 minutes past the end of the station...that would make you and them late for the next station. If a den doesn't get finished, suggest they come back during a break or take the remaining activity with them to work on at the den.
- **Execute the station with energy and enthusiasm!** Let the scouts do as much for themselves as possible. It doesn't need to be perfect, they just need to Do Their Best!
- Don't forget the beads. Each scout earns a bead at every station for participating. Beads can be given to the den leader for distribution.
- Once the den is finished, begin resetting for the next group.
- Close the station at the end of the day by packing/organizing the supplies and cleaning and disposing of all trash. Let the Program Director responsible for the station (either Tiger/Wolf/Bear or Webelos) know if supplies are running short!

Station Overview

Discussion and hands-on activities will complete this station.

Set-up:

Open bins and:

- 1) Station leaders will build and maintain a central campfire for cooking.
- 2) Station leaders will set up and maintain assembly line of ingredients so scouts can prepare the two recipes they will cook.
- 3) Station leaders will prepare six small fire rings so that scouts can demonstrate how to light a fire without matches. This will be done while their recipes cook.

Break-Down

- 1) Return all materials to the bins.
- 2) Please assure that all bins are closed tightly and place under the tent for the night.
- 3) In the event that rainy weather is expected, please take the bins into the Crouse building for the night.

Station Objectives:

Discussion and hands-on activities will complete this station.

Webelos will demonstrate two way to light a fire without using matches.

Webelos will cook two different recipes that do not require pots and pans.

Activity 1: Campfire Cooking

Supplies: latex/plastic gloves, heavy duty aluminum foil, sharpie for writing names on foil, cooking spray, big metal tongs, plastic knives, small paper plates or cups for dessert ingredients, napkins or paper towels

Ingredients & instructions:

Waffle cones: waffle cones, chocolate chips, M&Ms, bananas (sliced), mini-marshmallows, whipped cream

Each scout gets one waffle cone & can fill it with the ingredients provided. Wrap tightly in foil and place in coals/grate for 5-10 minutes, turning once or twice. Top with whipped cream.

Campfire crescent dogs: cooking spray, hot dogs, crescent rolls, ketchup, mustard
Spray foil lightly with cooking spray, place crescent roll triangle on foil, place hot dog on top, wrap crescent roll around hotdog. Wrap tightly in foil and place on coals/grate for 5-10 minutes, turning once or twice.

Activity 2: Light a Fire without Matches

Supplies: steel & flint, magnifying glasses, steel wool & 9V battery, dryer lint & other tinder, kindling, shovel, bucket of water

Discuss how to start a fire without using matches and why one would want or need to do this.

Divide scouts into groups of 4 (four at each of the six small fire rings).

Have them each prepare their tinder for lighting.

Demonstrate how to strike a flame using the steel & flint, battery & steel wool, and magnifying glass methods.

Discuss how adding more tinder & then kindling will enable the fire to grow.

Allow the boys to each start their own fires using each method.

Have the boys put out their own fires using the shovel & dirt, water if needed.