

Lost in Space

Use some rope to mark an area the same size as your Troop tent.

How many scouts fit in your Troop Tent?

Put that many scouts inside the rope.

Give each Scout a full sheet of newspaper which represents your BIG Jamboree bag.

Now try to arrange yourselves so that everyone can lay out flat and spread their newspaper open on the floor. There should be no overlap.

The area that you have marked out is the same size as your tent that has to fit everyone and their luggage.

Keep your gear tidy and in your bag so everyone can get a good night sleep.



Hot to trot

How fast can you run 100 meters?

On a typical weekend camp, any effects from poor hygiene come when you are back home, where mum can look after you. But the Jamboree will last 10 days. And the toilet may be 100 meters from your campsite!

Not a good time to get diarrhoea! Washing hands after going to the toilet helps to prevent this.

To make sure that you spend your time doing activities and not sitting around sick, always wash your hands with soap after going to the Toilet, before handling food or eating, whether your in camp or out having fun.

Washing your dishes in very hot water will also help.

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Making new friends

Run around your den 5 times with your patrol
Now take off your shoes and smell them
Smell someone else's shoes
Not very pleasant is it.

It is pretty difficult to meet new friends when they want to stand 5 meters up wind of you. At the Jamboree you will get hot and sweaty from the activities. Make time to shower at least once a day. Then people won't mind sitting beside you, or sharing a tent.



Artificially sweet

Dissolve a large spoon of table salt into a glass of water
The soak a clean hanky in the salty water, squeeze out the excess and let the hanky dry
Rub the dry hanky between your fingers and on your cheek
Is it rough or scratchy?

When sweat dries in socks and undies they get rough like the hanky.
The roughness can cause chafing, rashes and blisters.
To avoid this, change sox and undies daily.
If you wash them when you have a shower and hang them up in camp, you will always have a clean set to wear.



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What Smells?

Pong

Take an old towel and dampen it with water.

Now wrap it up in a plastic bag and leave it somewhere warm

After a couple of days, wear some rubber gloves and remove the towel from the bag

What condition is it in?

What does it smell like?



This is what happens when you leave damp stuff in your suitcase. Make sure that you hang up towels and damp clothing on a clothes line when you return to camp. This will stop your clean clothes smelling like a toilet.

Peaches and Pineapples

Imagine you were able to rub your hand around a fresh peach and do the same with a pineapple.

Which one would you rather have close to your skin?

Everybody has individual habits and unconscious actions. At first these could be amusing. But after a week at the Jamboree, they may be as funny as rubbing a pineapple! Politely let a person know if their habits are becoming annoying. If you are told you are annoying someone, do not take offence, but try to look honestly at yourself and moderate the action. At least until you get home.

I wish he would stop doing that, it is annoying

Can we talk about your farting it is driving me nuts.

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Banana Squeeze

How many bananas (in skins) can you squeeze into a balloon?
How many peeled bananas can you squeeze into a balloon?

If we do not go to the toilet regularly at least once a day, our stomach clogs up like a balloon full of bananas. Headaches and stomachs occur.

Drinking lots of water and eating lots of fresh fruit will keep things moving.



Bean there, done that Bean there, done that

You will need 2 jars (like honey or peanut paste jars), some paper towel, some bean seeds, sand and gravel, and compost.

Place paper towel inside each jar so it forms a hollow cylinder.

Fill one cylinder with compost and the other with a sand and gravel mix.

Use tweezers to place 6 bean seeds in each jar so that they are evenly distributed between the paper and glass. They should be about halfway up the jar.

Moisten the compost with water until the paper appears wet. Do not flood it.

Moisten the other jar with a mixture of salt water and cooking oil.

Place both jars in a warm spot and look at them every day for 2 weeks.

Do nothing to the sand jar but occasionally moisten the compost.

Which jar allowed seeds to grow quickest? And longest?

Just like plants, we need the right food to keep going; especially at a Jamboree. Have Junk Food as a treat but don't live on it.



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Recharge

Have you ever tried to listen to music when the batteries in your MP3 player are flat?

How useful is a torch with flat batteries?

On a normal weekend camp, do you like to stay up really late talking to your friends?

On a Monday after a camp are you often too tired to go to school?

At the Jamboree there is no Monday off. You will need to keep active for 10 days so as not to miss any of the fun. Since we will be getting up at 6.00 or 6.30am, to get the 8 hour sleep we will need to recharge our batteries we will need to be in bed by 10.30pm.



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