

Have you started your planning for Stradbroke Cup yet?

To help you on your way, check out the [Victorian Scout Camping Standard](#). There is a whole page on “Plan>”. there is a list of topics in the Camping Standard to include, you just need to fill in the detail, here are some hints.

1. ORGANISATION – CAMP PLAN

1.01: **The Patrol prepared a Camp Plan before camp and brought it to camp (updates and final inclusions can be added during camp)*

This is an easy one, just get started now and don't leave it at home!

Start with an empty exercise book, or tap it out on a keyboard, perhaps pull out last-year's plan (but make sure you review and update it)

1.02: *The Camp Plan contains a Patrol identification page which lists the names of the PL, APL and Patrol members*

Who is going? This isn't too hard.

1.03: *The Camp Plan lists for each Patrol member; their emergency contact and age (not Health information)*

Just a couple of extra columns on the above list.

1.04: *The Camp Plan contains a program of activities, mealtimes etc for the duration of the camp*

Some things to think about here; you might already have an outline agenda from the Camp organisers, if not, ask for one! You just need to fill in the gaps for your chosen mealtimes, food prep, clean up and etc. If working from an empty page, here is a suggestion to get you started; just fill in times and continue on with the rest of your activities

| Day/Date | Time | Activity | Who |
|------------|----------|--|-------------|
| Fri. 6/Mar | xx:xx pm | Arrive at camp, check in, unpack & set up sleeping tent(s) | Patrol |
| Sat 7/Mar | xx:xx am | Out of bed, tidy up, | Patrol |
| | xx:xx am | Prepare breakfast | Bill & Jane |
| | xx:xx am | Dishes & clean-up | Mary & John |
| | xx:xx am | Set up remainder of campsite | Patrol |
| | xx:xx am | Prep. Lunch & clean-up | Andy & Sam |
| | xx:xx pm | Camp Activities (abseiling/canoes) | Patrol |
| | xx:xx pm | Finish campsite set up | Patrol |
| | xx:xx pm | Prepare Dinner | Bill & Andy |
| | xx:xx pm | Dinner | Patrol |
| | xx:xx pm | Clean-up | Sam & Mary |
| | xx:xx pm | Evening camp activities (disco/movie) | Patrol |
| | xx:xx pm | Return to campsite, supper & bed | Patrol |
| Sat 7/Mar | xx:xx am | Out of bed, tidy up, | Patrol |
| | xx:xx am | Prepare breakfast | Andy & Jane |
| | xx:xx am | Dishes & clean-up | Bill & Mary |
| | xx:xx am | } | |
| | xx:xx am | } <Keep filling in the rest of your schedule> | |
| | xx:xx am | } | |

1.05: The Camp Plan contains a menu that shows all meals for the duration of the camp

Another easy one, list your meals and what you want to eat, keep it simple. There is a section “Menu Evaluation” in the Camping Standard that gives some points to consider when planning your menu. Get these right and you’ve got some easy scores!

Plan another Scout night to try out some of your menu choices and practice some cooking, you might want to make some changes if the practice doesn’t work out as you expected.

Don’t forget to think about the weather forecast when you choose your menu, and perhaps plan some alternatives if a fire ban doesn’t let you use your stove. You don’t want your Patrol to go hungry because no one wants to spend time cooking on a hot stove on a hot day, or you are banned from using the stove, but on a cold day, something warm in your belly is a good idea.

1.06: The Camp Plan contains an equipment list showing items and quantities required

What do you need to put in the trailer? Sleeping tents, Dining shelter, BBQ, what else? Some things are obvious but look at your menu, make sure you have the right kitchen implements for the meals you’re cooking, and leave home all the bits you don’t need, they just clutter up the place and you still need to take care of them at camp even if they aren’t to be used. Make a list of what needs to go in the trailer, that is your equipment list.

If you review the Camping standard as you prepare your list, this too will give you some reminders of the bits you shouldn’t forget.

Once you’ve done your list, tick off this part of your Camp Plan, and don’t forget to use it when the Patrol is ready to pack the trailer

1.07: The Camp Plan contains a ration list showing items and quantities required (not the shopping receipt)

Take a look at your menu, what do you need to buy for the meals you planned, any other snacks? What is the Patrol’s favourite cordial flavour? Are you a Master Chef, what about spices, sauces, cooking oil? Don’t forget the dishwashing liquid and scouring pads, soap for the hand wash, anything in the first Aid kit that need replacing,

Tick off all the things you already have in your q-store/Patrol box, what’s left becomes your shopping list, ready for your next Patrol adventure in the supermarket!

1.08: The Camp Plan contains a duty roster that shows (at least) who is preparing each meal and cleaning up and has a fair distribution of tasks

This could be a duty list by itself, or you can add a column to the program of activities as I have done in the example above.

Now you have your plan, work it to prepare and enjoy your camp, don’t forget to “Review>” when you get back to your Scout hall after the camp, you can adjust your plan to re-use for the next outing.