

You think you're ready for Straddy? Some last-minute thoughts.

Have you booked for Straddy?

- Of course, your leader did it, didn't they?

Personal Information Records (PIR)

- Another thing your Leader will have sorted, but do check because this is important for everyone's safety and if you arrive at camp missing any, someone will still need to get them.

Stradbroke Cup is a Patrol camp

- You even get scored on how well your Patrol works together as a team. For a Patrol to achieve Gold, your Scout Leaders won't be helping you, it's the Patrol Leader that is leading the Patrol, everyone will have a fair share of the work around the campsite and make sure everyone gets to enjoy all the fun things in camp.
- Ask for help if you need it. If a PL has a problem in their Patrol that needs Adult Support to sort out, the Patrol's score won't be penalised, even if the Patrol is achieving Gold standard.

Campsite Support.

- If there is something not quite right, talk with your Patrol Leader.
- There will be adults nearby if you need someone else or just want to talk with an older person, they are the **Campsite Support Team**, (you may have known them previously as Sub Camp, Wellbeing, or other names, we just have given them a new name, the same at all Straddy campsites). The Campsite Support Team will be camping nearby as well as keeping a look-out over all the campsites. Make friends with them, stop for a quick hello but don't forget your tasks in your Patrol campsite.
- If you feel unsafe at any time, talk to your Campsite Support Team or any Adult on site if you can't find them.

Allergies, EpiPens, asthma, extra needs

- Does anyone in your Patrol have any allergies or medical matters that others need to be aware of?
 - Some Scouts carry asthma inhalers in case they have an asthma attack or an EpiPen if they have a severe allergy risk. Everyone should be aware of these Scouts in case they see a reaction and need to call for help.
 - Food allergies should have already been known before writing the menu, but it's worth checking in case something was substituted in shopping, or something unexpected slips through.
 - Some Scouts have crucial medication requirements, not everyone needs to know about these, their parents will have arranged with the leaders and the camp organisers to manage medication requirements. The PL will need to be aware that an adult carer will be calling in from time to time to manage medications. Also, if the Patrol plans to be away from the campsite, the PL will need to let the carer know where the Patrol will be at medication time.
 - Some Scouts just need some extra support that the Patrol can chip in to assist, others might need an adult carer with them at all times. Your leaders will make sure the Patrol Leader, camp organisers and anyone that needs to know is aware of their extra needs.
- First time campers with the Patrol might be a bit anxious during camp, make sure they are included and joining in, talk to the Campsite Support Team if you want an adult to help out.

Transport, who's driving to camp? who's picking up?

- Does everyone have a seat for the drive to camp? Sounds silly but this does need to be worked out beforehand, it could be too late if everyone shows up at the Scout Hall and there aren't enough car seats.
- Who is towing the trailer?

- Who is picking up to bring home? Do they need/have a towbar? Do they know what time and where to pick up?
- You might think this is the Leaders job to arrange transport but the PL should be in the loop and with experience they could do this task.

Review the camp plan, update any amendments

- Did your shopping go to plan? Do you need to alter your menu?
- Is everyone still coming? Do you need to adjust your roster?
- Did you find all the gear you planned to take? Do you need to adjust your equipment list?
- Has anything else changed you need to note in your Camp Plan?

You don't have to rewrite the entire plan, it is ok to just make a couple of hand-written notes on the page.

You have finally arrived at Camp

- Check-in, find your campsite and unload the trailer
- The first thing on the Camping Standard after arrival is **“Site Layout – Patrol Leader’s Self-Assessment”**, look over your campsite and run through this checklist with your entire Patrol, you will get five easy points just for doing this checklist. Your Camp Advisors / Coaches might discuss some things in the morning that you might have not correctly assessed, but you still get these points anyway, if you don't follow their advice however, you will likely lose points in other parts of their review.
- Site Utilisation is important, have a look at the Camping Standard **“Utilisation of Allocated Site”** pick the best placement for your sleeping tent and have some ideas about the rest of the camp, you might still need to make some changes in the morning but if you've thought about it these should be minimal.
- It is probably getting dark, or soon will be, focus first on setting up the sleeping tents, you can set up a basic kitchen /dining area so you can have a comfortable breakfast, and make sure everything is secure and safe in case of poor weather overnight.
- Sun's up, it's morning!
 - Plan for early set up of crucial items, get basic camp functioning (kitchen, dining shelter) don't forget breakfast, don't forget to clean up after breakfast!
 - Check out camp activity program, add activities to your camp plan schedule.
 - Make friends with your Camp Advisors / Camp Coaches.
 - Is there a Patrol Leader's meeting? Make sure you attend, you might learn some extra information your Patrol needs to know.
 - Share/manage the remaining set up tasks and get on with camping and activities.

Patrol Leaders

- Remember that Patrol Leaders are “leaders” not “enforcers”, be fair, supervise, guide, help out.
- Use the Patrol System; pair up experienced Scouts with new members, treat mistakes as learning opportunities, ask for help, don't sweat the small stuff!
- Make everything FUN. If you are not having fun, visit your Campsite Support and chill out for a bit, they will be able to support you leading your Patrol if needed.