

Equipment Rules

When borrowing equipment from Bay Area Wilderness Training, it is expected that you and your group will treat the gear as if it were your own. The following are a few rules of thumb to remember when you borrow our gear. Thank you for assisting us in the preservation of our equipment.

- Do not put backpacks inside the tents; it can rip the nylon.
- Do not put muddy footwear inside the tent.
- Absolutely **NO SMOKING** inside or around the tent.
- No food (lip balm, toothpaste included) inside the tents, it attracts animals.
- Keep sleeping bags and tents away from stoves.
- Do not force zippers, this can spread the teeth and ruin the material.
- **Stoves:** use only white gas, others will clog the stove. Use a filtered funnel at all times if possible (BAWT has one). **Follow instructions carefully.** Fill stoves only 3/4 full to avoid leaking or possible explosion. Depressurize stoves before and after use. Never light a stove in an enclosed area.

Return Procedures

1. Check to make sure you have accounted for all equipment and parts. Get your entire group involved in this. It is part of finishing a trip.
2. Return equipment in same condition as you received it.

Tents:

- Make sure tents are **DRY** and free of debris (dirt, leaves, etc.)
- Make sure all parts are accounted for: poles, stakes, rain fly.
- Keep tent and tent poles in separate stuff sacks.
- Open tent door before setting up tent (less tension on zippers.)

Tarps and ground sheets:

- Tarps and ground sheets should be clean and dry.
- Tarps and ground sheets should be free of strings or rope attached.

Sleeping Bags:

- Sleeping bags should be aired out before returning.
- Please stuff; not roll bags to preserve loft. (Stuff bottom first)

Stoves:

- Please return stoves **WITHOUT** fuel. BAWT no longer stores stove fuel!
- Report any leaks.
- Clean 2 burner stoves of grease.

Backpacks:

- Remove any leftover string or rope.
- Remove any tape used to identify packs.
- Sponge dirt and debris off all backpacks.

Clothing:

- Wash before returning.
- Do not use fabric softener.
- Use LOW temperature when drying to avoid shrinkage.

Rain Gear: (Jackets and Pants)

- Hand wash in clean water if necessary. Use a mild soap, but NO DETERGENT. Rinse completely.
- Allow to DRY completely

Ground pads:

- Cleaned of dirt.
- Roll or stack neatly.

All returned equipment will be thoroughly checked to account for all parts and to insure it is in good working condition. Please separate any problematic equipment and report it as soon as you return the equipment.

All policies and procedures were developed to insure that you receive equipment that's reliable and in good working condition. Thank you for your cooperation.