

# Campsite Setup Script

Please take a handout.

*When everyone is ready.*

Welcome to campsite setup. Today we're going to look at the way a campsite is laid out at Philmont. This is called the Bearmuda triangle. We'll talk about what goes in the triangle and happens at the three corners of the triangle. Finally we'll raise the crew rain fly.

Is anyone planning on going off the Ranch (Rich Cabins, Greenwood Canyon, Valle Vidal, Heck area)? If so, the procedures are different (no sump, fire ring or bear cable). Your Ranger will brief you.

Every trail leading into a camping area SHOULD have a map posted on a tree. It will show the name of the camping area, where all of the campsites are located as well as bear cables, (if not dry) the water source and latrines (usually pilot bombardier).

Have someone with a digital camera that pans and zooms take a picture so you can reference it later when looking for bear cables or whatever.

Refer to the first page of the handout.

*Talk about the page.*

*Pictures on second page.*

*Tour campsite, ending at rainfly.*

Philmont will issue you with a 12' x12' nylon tarp and two aluminum poles (or you can bring your own). Do NOT count on the tarp being rigged; instead bring 75' of 3mm nylon cord. You must supply your own tent stakes. Use of a rainfly every night is mandatory. If you have anyone with sissy sticks, leave the poles behind in the locker at base camp and use the sissy sticks instead.

Practice setting up the rain tarp QUICKLY. If you get stranded in the open in severe weather (hail) you'll want to get it up quick.

Under the tarp goes stoves, backpacks, boots, etc (and if necessary, scouts).

*Rainfly pictures*

*Point at:*

- *Larks Head Knots*
- *Breakaway sticks*
- *Ridge Line*
- *Attachment of poles*

*Demo Larks Head knot*

*Take down fly and have them do it*

*Take it down again and do it unassisted*

Questions?