

Grubmaster Guidelines

Troop 718 goes camping once a month and each patrol is responsible for the 3 meals they will eat on Saturday (breakfast, lunch, dinner). The patrol will assign the responsibility of purchasing the food to one of the scouts and this person is called the *grubmaster*. The following guidelines should help you understand these duties and assist your Scout in completing the job:

1. The Scout should come home from the Troop meeting with:
 - a. a menu and recipe for the dinner
 - b. a blank shopping list for the other meals (*also available online*)
 - c. a dry goods box (action packer); if not, it will be at the trailer for departure on Friday.
 - d. he will also need a cooler for the refrigerated items
2. The Grubmaster should get a final number of Scouts from his patrol by Wednesday evening from his Patrol Leader. If the Patrol Leader does not call him, he should call the Patrol Leader.
3. Review the menu and help your Scout complete the menu and prepare a shopping list. Make sure all items needed are on the list. The Troop supplies condiments, spices and drinks except for breakfast drinks (milk, OJ). He will not need to bring any drinks for any of the other meals. The Troop will also prepare a cobbler at dinner for all the boys so no dessert is needed in the evening.
4. Take your Scout shopping and *let him do the shopping*. Your job is to advise him, NOT shop for him. He has a budget of \$10 per scout for the weekend to spend on food. Help him stay within his budget. He may need to choose a store brand over a name brand or eliminate something extra from the list. This will prevent the purchase of frivolous items such as candy bars, extra chips, snacks, etc. He will need to purchase ice for the cooler and place all items that will spoil in the cooler. Please use your judgment and help your Scout shop wisely.
5. On Friday afternoon, please arrive early and bring the food and cooler to the troop trailer in the parking lot at the LLUMC Annex on the south side of NW Highway. Have your Scout submit his receipts to Mr. Black for reimbursement. If he turns in his shopping list form with the prices noted, he will complete a First Class requirement for advancement. This is detailed in the Scout Handbook and should be reviewed with your Scout before starting the process.

Thank you for helping your Scout. This process is a good lesson on shopping, planning and staying within a budget. A life lesson that everyone must learn at some time.