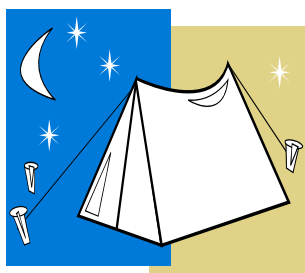


Pack 267 Family Campout



**Join your fellow scouts for a fun camping experience!
Camp Tomo Chi Chi Knolls, Gilberts, IL.
Friday Sept. 23- Sunday Sept. 25**

Starting Friday September 23 at 5:00 pm and ending Sunday September 25 at 11:00 am.

Where is it? Tomo-Chi-Chi Knolls is located in Gilberts, at 40W 095/097 Freeman Road, just 2.1 miles east of Rt. 47 on the south side of the street.

Who can participate? Your entire family can attend, this is a family camp out.

Do I have to be there the entire time? No, you can camp either or both nights. Or, you can just stop by anytime to participate in programs geared towards fun and advancement, especially the campfire programs Friday and Saturday evening. Many people will also run home to let the dog out, attend a baseball/soccer game and then return after.

What facilities are available? Tomo-Chi-Chi Knolls is equipped with a lodge near our campsite with running water and bathrooms, in addition to the kitchen area used for clean up.

Do we have to hike everything in to the campsite? No. Our campsite is a short walk from the parking lot. Vehicles will have in/out privileges.

How much does it cost? Free! The pack is covering all camping fees, including Saturday breakfast.

What should I bring? Bring your own camping equipment, including tent, sleeping gear, and

flashlights. Please supply your own food, cooking, and eating utensils. This is a great opportunity for the scouts to cook their own meal over a campfire! The entire family can participate in the shared group cooking fun or you can cook meals using campfire stoves, or just send the kids to cook over the fire.

I've never been camping before, what else is required? Check out the "Comments and Suggestions for Family Campout" (attached), but remember camping is most fun when experienced together as a group. Working with other friends or families to share equipment and supplies is a great way to limit the amount of "stuff" you actually bring.

What about younger or older siblings, will they have fun? The programs are designed to accommodate most every age group. Past activities have included nature hikes, outdoor games, and of course our famous campfire program.

What if it rains? The lodge is available, and indoor activities will be planned for.

Comments and Suggestions for Family Campout

If you should have any questions, please contact Dan Eagan at (847)515-3128, danieleagan@sbcgolbal.net.

When pulling into the campground, watch for the “Camp Tomo Chi-Chi Knolls” sign at 40W095/097 Freeman, just over 2 miles east of Route 47 on the south side of the street. The Kane County Forest Preserve requests that we keep the gates closed to prevent access by the general public, so loop the chain over the closed gate after entering or exiting the campground. Our campsite will **be past the parking lot bordering the western tree line**. Please sign in at the check-in table as you enter the campsite.

Wondering what to bring? If you are thinking on spending one or both nights, or just part of a day, the key is to work with others. Forget something? Somebody might have what you need, and Woodman’s and Wal-Mart are about five minutes away. Here are some general guidelines for what to bring or to coordinate with others for...

General Camp Equipment

Bring a tent w/ground tarp (to protect from moisture), sleeping bags/blankets, pillows, and air mattress or cot to sleep on (a must). Folding chairs or stools are handy for around the campfire. Don’t forget flashlights, as well as a garbage bag (use for garbage, dirty clothes holder - even emergency rain protection, just poke some holes in them to form a poncho) and sun screen and/or bug repellent. Forget a hammer for tent stakes? Don’t worry, we should have plenty!

Cooking and Food Equipment

Cooler and personal food - coordinate with others! Generally you want to at least have eating utensils and food prep such as paper plates, aluminum foil, condiments, napkins/paper towels, and maybe a bowl. Don’t forget water bottles for everyone (we will have two 5 gallon jugs of fresh water).

Personal Items

Clothing – Scouts wear your Class “B” if you have them! Bring spare clothes, a hat, and a small towel. Have pj’s or sweats to sleep in, and even a knit hat (helps to keep your head warm at night).

Entertainment/Personal

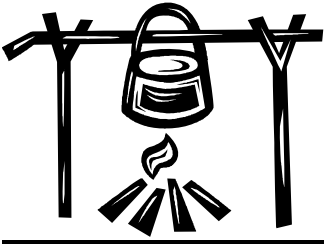
You won’t believe how much fun the kids (and you) will have, so be sure to bring your camera. Most entertainment is already planned for, so please, no electronics!

Things to consider:

Cooking/preparing/serving meals: how, in what – can it be prepped on aluminum foil, or do you need a bowl? What about a can opener, or will someone else have one? Using ketchup/mustard packets instead of bottles saves space. Can some items be prepped at home? If doing foil packets, and all items being used are frozen (vegetables, hamburger patties, etc.) then consider preassembly at home. Are you going to leave and then come back after a ballgame? Return with your dinner ingredients all put together!

Other thoughts

Secure all food at night, and do not keep any in your tent! Using plastic tubs for clothing and gear is a great way to keep organized. Talk with your den members or another family about shared responsibilities. If I bring the roasting sticks and chocolate, can you bring some marshmallows while someone else brings the graham crackers?



FAMILY CAMPOUT MENU IDEAS

At this time, these are the menu ideas used in the shared cooking experience from previous pack campouts. Based upon future input, they might be modified, as all menu ideas are designed to be simple and safe, yet also be both effective and fun. Please feel free to adapt these to your own family's ideas and tastes, as well as giving us input to other menu plans. You are welcome to cook on your own, over the campfire or with a camp stove. Please remember to coordinate having drinks, silverware, plates, cups, etc.

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER: Pie Iron Pizzas

If you own or would like to buy one (or two) and bring them that would be great! Some will be available. They can be purchased most anywhere camping supplies are sold – WalMart, Target, Meijer's, etc.

Ingredients/Supply List: Pie irons, campfire, bread, cooking spray or butter, pizza sauce, mozzarella cheese, and toppings such as onions, pepperoni, sliced hot dogs, etc.

Directions: Butter or spray one slice of bread and add to one pan half, add pizza sauce, personal toppings, and cheese. Butter or spray second slice of bread and place on top, attach other half of pie iron and secure. Cook over fire for approximately five minutes, turning occasionally.

Alternative recipes: Pie irons make great grilled cheese, and try using jam, jelly, or canned pie filling for a tasty dessert!



NIGHTLY CAMPFIRE TREATS: S'mores

Ingredients/Supply List: Large marshmallows, graham crackers, chocolate bars, and a roasting stick.

Directions: Need we say more?

SATURDAY BREAKFAST: Omelet in a bag – (Supplied by Pack)

Omelet in a Bag Ingredients/Supply List: Boiling water in a pot, quart size freezer bags, eggs, and toppings such as cheese, or precooked breakfast sausage.

Directions: Break eggs into bag, add toppings, seal bag, and squish to mix ingredients. Reseal bag making sure to squeeze all air out of bag and cook in boiling water for about five minutes, longer if your bag is full of stuff.

ALTERNATIVE: Use one half pie iron skillet to fry an egg, the other half to cook sausage.

SATURDAY LUNCH: Hot Dogs or more Pie Iron Pizzas

Ingredients/Supply List: Camp fire, cooking forks, hot dogs, chips, buns and condiments.

Directions: Self explanatory.

SATURDAY DINNER: Foil Packets

Ingredients/Supply List: Frozen hamburger patties, potatoes, onions, vegetables, seasonings, mushroom soup, water, aluminum foil, tongs, insulating gloves or mitts, and campfire.



Directions: Break hamburger patty up into small pieces, add cubed potatoes, vegetables, seasonings and tablespoon or so of soup and water to foil pocket. Seal aluminum foil, and rewrap a second time in aluminum foil, making sure to seal all air pockets and seams. Cook over hot coals for 20 to 30 minutes, turning occasionally. Note: canned or frozen vegetables work just fine. Also try this with chicken or fish!

SATURDAY DESSERT: More Smores and camp cobblers (provided)

SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Donuts/pastries – Pack up and go home!