

Appendix H

GENERAL FIRE SAFETY RULES

Fire restrictions have become more commonplace in recent years, and it may not be possible to have an actual fire in your campsite area. However, if you do have a live fire, make sure to follow to these rules:

- Know and adhere to the rules of your campsite. Find out if there are any temporary restrictions in place due to dry weather, water shortages, etc.
- Fires should only be started in authorized campfire rings or other designated spots.
- Clear a 10-foot circle around your campfire area. Look up, and do not build your campfire under any overhanging branches or other flammable material.
- Appoint an adult as a designated fireguard whenever the fire is burning. NEVER leave a fire unattended! Only the fireguard is allowed to add wood or adjust fuel as needed.
- Appropriate fire extinguishing material should be in use per local policy. This may be an actual extinguisher, or could also be water or dirt-filled buckets close at hand.
- When finished cooking, make sure the fire is dead out. Spread the coals and ashes. Sprinkle them with water, stir, and sprinkle again until the site is cold. Feel it with your hand to make sure.
- Keep Scouts who are not actually cooking at least 5 feet from the fire. Cooks should be the only ones working near the fire.
- Absolutely no horseplay—this is not negotiable!