

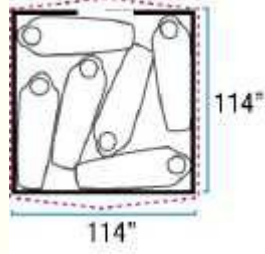


“Camping Tips” for new dads in the Papoose Nation

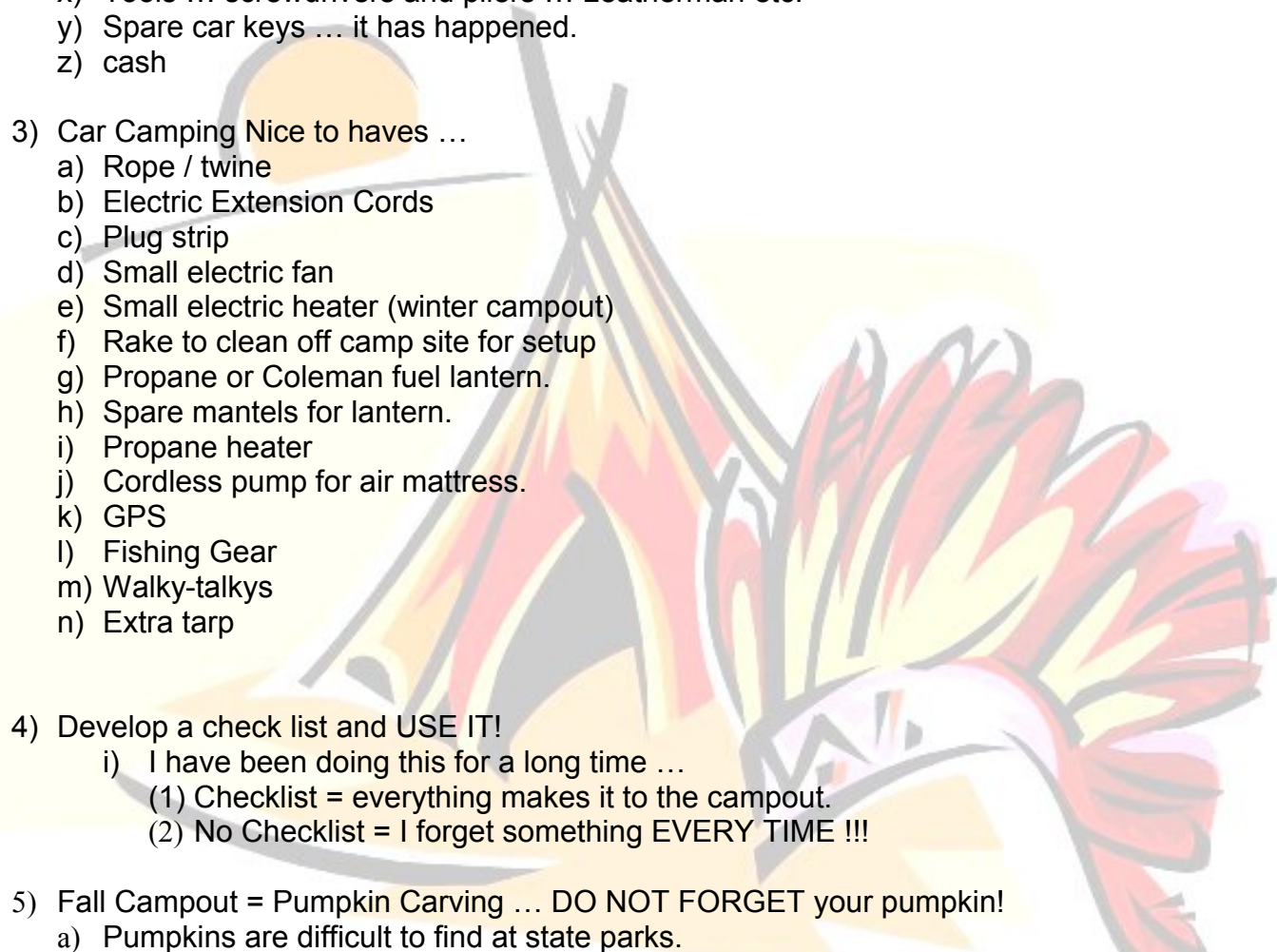


I have put together this document to help new dads successfully plan for “the first” campout.

- 1) You can successfully take a 3 year old camping
 - a) Planning is everything
 - b) Bring plenty of snacks and drinks
 - c) Bring toys for them to play with
 - d) DVD player
 - e) Bring the **MUST HAVE** stuffed animal or blanket.
- 2) Preparing for the first camping trip starts **NOW!** Must Haves!
 - a) Pick out your tent together
 - i) Tent size is important
 - ii) Multiply the max number of people camping by 2 minimum.
 - iii) A tent designed for 3 times your max number of campers is a comfortable fit.
 - iv) Below is a 10 foot by 10 foot 6 man tent. This will hold 2 to 3 people and some gear.
Or 6 small men piled on top of each other. Keep this in mind when purchasing a tent.



- v) 6 man tent
 - vi) A couple of approaches in buying a tent ...
 - (1) The internet is a good research tool. Look for product reviews.
 - (2) Buy a good quality tent that will last you for your years in the program.
 - (3) Buy an inexpensive tent and plan on replacing it every year or two.
 - vii) Good thick tarp for under your tent. (Ground Cover)
 - viii) Buy extra tent stakes, you will need them, as they will bend or break.
- b) First Aid Kit ... Band Aids
 - c) Air Mattress (and something to blow it up) or Cot, a must have, the ground is **HARD**. Even for an Eagle Scout, the ground gets harder the older you get.
 - d) Sleeping bags and light blanket
 - e) Flashlights and extra batteries
 - f) Insect Repellant
 - g) Suntan Lotion
 - h) Glow Sticks (some for each child per night)
 - i) Cooler with plenty of water and drinks
 - j) Broom and dust pan
 - k) Spare Toilet Paper (Always carry a backup roll)
 - l) Toys, trucks to play in the dirt, water guns, scooters, bicycles, etc ...
 - m) Pillows ... (you will not get a good night's sleep without them!)

- 
- n) Several changes of cloths a day! (It is not good to run out of clean cloths the first day.)
 - o) Trash bags ... Large and Small
 - p) Shoes / boots a couple pair per person
 - q) Claw Hammer (tent stakes in ... tent stakes out)
 - r) Work gloves for setting up and taking down camp
 - s) Sports chairs
 - t) Baby wipes
 - u) Matches or lighter to start a fire
 - v) Camera and batteries
 - w) Rain Gear – it has rained on several campouts
 - x) Tools ... screwdrivers and pliers ... Leatherman etc.
 - y) Spare car keys ... it has happened.
 - z) cash
- 3) Car Camping Nice to haves ...
- a) Rope / twine
 - b) Electric Extension Cords
 - c) Plug strip
 - d) Small electric fan
 - e) Small electric heater (winter campout)
 - f) Rake to clean off camp site for setup
 - g) Propane or Coleman fuel lantern.
 - h) Spare mantels for lantern.
 - i) Propane heater
 - j) Cordless pump for air mattress.
 - k) GPS
 - l) Fishing Gear
 - m) Walky-talkys
 - n) Extra tarp
- 4) Develop a check list and USE IT!
- i) I have been doing this for a long time ...
 - (1) Checklist = everything makes it to the campout.
 - (2) No Checklist = I forget something EVERY TIME !!!
- 5) Fall Campout = Pumpkin Carving ... DO NOT FORGET your pumpkin!
- a) Pumpkins are difficult to find at state parks.

If you have any questions, PLEASE ask, that is what we are here for.

Papoose Nation Chief Crazy Horse ... papoose.chief@blackland-prairie.org