



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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First Class Requirement 1b1

"Explain the potential impacts of camping, both on the environment and on other outdoor users."

Name

PART 1 - HOW CAMPERS MIGHT IMPACT THE ENVIRONMENT

1. Negative: What impact on the environment can happen if a camper is careless with fire? (choose the best one)
 - ___ The camper might spark a massive blaze.
 - ___ The camper might destroy delicate vegetation that might never recover.
 - ___ The camper might cause visual pollution that will last for decades.
2. Negative: What impact on the environment can happen if a group of campers tramp across an alpine meadow? (choose the best one)
 - ___ The camper might spark a massive blaze.
 - ___ The camper might destroy delicate vegetation that might never recover.
 - ___ The camper might cause visual pollution that will last for decades.
3. Negative: What impact on the environment can happen if a camper carves his initials into a tree? (choose the best one)
 - ___ The camper might spark a massive blaze.
 - ___ The camper might destroy delicate vegetation that might never recover.
 - ___ The camper might cause visual pollution that will last for decades.
4. Positive: A bunch of Scouts came to the Summit Bechtel high adventure camp to run various service projects before the camp officially opened. The camp had a lot of invasive species of plants. What instructions were given to the Scouts concerning the invasives? (choose one)
 - ___ Leave the invasives alone. Due to the steep slopes, soil erosion is a constant problem, and plants with their roots can help retain the soil. The more plants the better, and it doesn't matter if the plants are native or invasive.
 - ___ Let's get rid of as many invasives as we can. There's a long list of bad things that invasive plants can do to the ecosystem, starting with depriving bees and butterflies of the host plants they need to survive. Another is that they often increase the risk of wildfires.

5. Positive: The location of Philmont Scout Ranch is called "high desert," which means that water conservation is essential. But when you go backpacking, everyone knows that the best meals come in lightweight dehydrated packets with the instructions, "Just add water." What is Philmont's solution to having good meals and also practicing water conservation? (choose one)
- _____ Everyone in the group will have to carry his share of extra water. A lightweight water bladder such as a Platypus should do the trick.
 - _____ Some Philmont campsites have a nearby well or spring or stream, while others are called "dry camps." At a dry camp stick with dense dry foods like jerky and trail mix and tuna fish and cheese. Save the "just add water" packets for the "wet camps."

PART 2 - HOW CAMPERS MIGHT IMPACT OTHER OUTDOOR USERS

6. How to select a campsite when other campers got there first?

7. If you can't get distance, what's second best? _____
8. How much yelling are you allowed to do? _____
9. When we are ready to pack up and leave a campsite, what's a good way to make sure that the next group of campers don't criticize us when they arrive?
