

## Troop 714 Quartermaster FAQ

Frequently asked questions to the Quartermasters:

- 1) *Can I borrow gear for a campout that is not related to Troop 714?* (Such as private family camping or camping with another troop.) No. Our gear is only for Troop 714 activities. Please do not ask for gear if your scout is not attending a Troop 714 function with their patrol or the troop.
- 2) *Why I can't I have another tent? I don't like this kind.* Our troop is fortunate to have several different types of tents available to be checked out by the scouts. Not all tents can be used for all campouts. In particular, our backpacking tents are fragile and light. They can not be used for dump camping under any circumstances.
- 3) *It didn't rain; I didn't have to air out the tent, did I?* You do. You always need to air out your tents after a campout, as soon as possible. Dew or condensation occurs regardless of rain. The quartermasters will check for any moisture, and will not accept a tent that has not been returned properly.
- 4) *I checked out the gear, but someone else took it home to clean. I'm not responsible for it, am I?* You are. If you checked out the gear, you are responsible for returning it to the shed clean and ready to be used again. Don't forget. . .the gear is numbered. You need to return the same numbered item that you took out.
- 5) *The shed is open Fridays before campouts, right?* No. The shed is only open on Monday nights twenty minutes before and after each meeting. If you are in a hurry, send your gear request to [quartermaster@troop714.org](mailto:quartermaster@troop714.org) and we will have the gear waiting for you before the meeting.
- 6) *Can I keep this backpack or tent for a few months?* No. The troop is so large and so very active that we do need the gear back as soon as it has been cleaned and aired out. Please help us keep the gear available to all scouts.
- 7) *What do I do with this action packer my son brought home?* Your patrol's action packer stays with your patrol quartermaster. The action packer contains a stove, propane hose, and all the gear necessary for cooking. Your action packer will only be checked twice a year in the shed. Please do not bring the gear to us unless it is patrol elections.

Thanks for helping us maintain our troop's equipment! If you have any questions, please come out to the shed before or after a meeting. You can also email us at [quartermasters@troop714.org](mailto:quartermasters@troop714.org)