

OUTFITTING YOUR PATROL COOKING BOX

Your patrol cooking box should contain everything needed to prepare food for a patrol campout. A fully outfitted patrol box eliminates the need to go rummaging through the troop trailer whenever you are in need of some cooking gear. You may want to take your patrol box to a patrol member's home before the Father/Son campout, just to make sure it is clean and well stocked. The judges will not only be looking at the number of items you've put in your patrol box, but also their cleanliness and condition. The following checklist should help:

IN MAIN COMPARTMENT OF BOX	SPICES IN PLASTIC SHOE BOX
Stainless steel pot set with lids (clean!)	Salt and pepper (black and/or red)
Coffee pot with lid	Garlic powder or garlic salt, and onion flakes
Cast iron or aluminum griddle (clean!)	Cinnamon, oregano, and parsley
Bottle of cooking oil (preferably plastic)	Basil and bay leaves
Can of non-stick cooking spray (PAM)	Seasoned salt and/or Mrs. Dash
Roll of heavy-duty aluminum foil	Meat tenderizer (also great for bee sting relief)
Roll of plastic wrap (like Saran Wrap)	* Sage, Rosemary, thyme and dill
Coleman 2 or 3 burner propane stove	* Italian seasoning and poultry seasoning
Hose and hookup for propane stove	* Chile pepper, cumin and Tabasco sauce
Box kitchen matches (in plastic bag)	* Chicken and beef bullion cubes
Striker or lighter for propane stove	
Paper towels (on dispenser, if possible)	UTENSILS IN PLASTIC SHOE BOX
2 plastic cutting boards (1 large, 1 small)	Rubber pot/jar scraper
Plastic measuring cup (the bigger the better)	Can opener and bottle opener
Small bottle dishwashing liquid	Regular and slotted serving spoons
Small bottle liquid bleach (Clorox)	Aluminum pliers (for holding, lifting griddles)
2 plastic K-P dishpans	Potato/carrot peeler
Plastic garbage bags	Ladle
* Strainer or colander	Small paring knife
* Cheese grater	Large carving/slicing knife
	Large fork
DISHWASHING SUPPLIES IN PLASTIC BOX	Tongs
1 Pair of rubber gloves	Spatula (1 is good, 2 are better)
2 - 3 Terry cloth dishtowels (clean!)	Frying pan handles
1 - 2 dish mops or scrubbing sponges	Measuring spoon set
Brillo / S.O.S. pads (at least 6 in a plastic bag)	Pot holders or oven mitts
	Lid lifting tool for Dutch oven
<i>*Optional items</i>	

Most of these items should already be in your patrol box. Some items, like the coffee pots and even some of the utensils can be obtained from the Troop's extra stock—just ask your Quartermaster. The above list is considered the basic necessities. By all means, if your patrol likes more spices, or uses some other useful kitchen gadgets, put them in your patrol box. Just make sure that everything you put in there is clean and neat—oh yeah, it has to fit, too. **Remember, this isn't about just buying a bunch of stuff to fill a big wooden box. The judges are going to be impressed by the amount of thought and preparation that your patrol has put into the selection of your items.**