

Quartermaster Announcement

Some new equipment has been added to the troop supply locker.

Battery Powered Lanterns: We have purchased five battery operated electric lanterns. We tested them during the Centennial Camporee and found them to be a brighter white light than the propane lanterns but they light did not travel as far. They lasted for hours and they are much safer, you don't need a propane tank or connector tree, and they do not give off much heat. Therefore they can also be taken inside tents for lighting. They require four "D" size batteries. While the QM does have some batteries, patrols checking out these lanterns will need to provide their own batteries as back up.

Troop Gear Check-in/out: While you are all doing better, the check-out/check-in procedures for gear are not being followed by all the patrols and individuals (scouts and Leaders). When patrols are doing meal planning, please also create a gear check-out form to draw equipment. Please send one or two scouts to the QM locker for check out with the order list. It will make things go much faster.

Take Care of Gear: Finally, please, please, please be sure gear is clean and dry when it is returned. Stoves have recently been returned with grease and food under the burners - yuck. Pots have food stuck inside - more yuck! Tents should be aired out and cleaned as soon as you get home from a campout or they will get moldy and mildewed - yucky.

If a part is missing or something broke, or otherwise not working properly, please let the quartermaster know when you check-in your gear so it can be repaired and be ready for the next event.

New Ideas: If you have some suggestions for equipment we should have, let us know.

Annual Inventory: The QM team will need to check and re-inventory all the troop gear, so we will need help. If a patrol or an individual scout needs service hours and are interested, please contact QM Charlie S.

Thanks,
The QM Team