

The Simon Kenton Council

BSA Centennial National SCOUT JAMBOREE



The Jamboree Washing Machine

A Scout Is Clean. Laundry facilities will be at your fingertips with the world-famous jamboree clothes washer. Each patrol will have at least one. This includes a 5-gallon bucket with lid. A hole in the lid allows the agitator (standard toilet plunger) to be inserted and used to "stir" your laundry. (These were never used for any other purpose.)

Use a **small** amount of a mild detergent, such as Woolite. There are many detergent choices. You can bring a small amount of your favorite powder as well. After several minutes of plunging, wring your clothes out and begin rinsing. Being close to a water source is best, you'll need more water depending on how much soap you used. This is why we emphasize a small amount of detergent. It is a good idea to practice this at home to learn how much soap to use.



After you have thoroughly washed and rinsed your laundry, hang it up on clotheslines that you will place between your tents and inside your tents. Your personal gear calls for nylon cord for this purpose. Clothespins are handy as well as your plastic hangers for your clean uniform or jacket / rain gear. (Before you hang something on your line, are your initials and troop number marked on each item?)

In your personal gear a small washbasin is called for, use it to wash single items or to clean things in your tent. "Shout" wipes are handy to clean spills and stains on your class A shirts until you can wash them.

Laundry is generally done right after breakfast so that it can dry all day while you are out doing activities. We encourage you to always have a clean set of clothes ready, but we do not want you to spend any unreasonable amount of time in camp doing laundry. Get out and experience the jamboree, in a clean uniform with clean socks and underwear.

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