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Guide to Hosting a Campout.

This guide was prepared based on the results of a survey conducted to determine the desires of the members of the Blue Crab Fun Bunch.

The main duty of the camp host is the plan/organize activities for the camping group.

As the host, you should develop a schedule of events for the weekend. These don't have to be elaborate but should include the times and places of group activities. It can be posted at the host's camper or copies given to each camper. Just get the word out to all campers, so folks don't miss activities. Hosting isn't a contest, plan as much or as little as you desire. Some folks like to go all out when planning, please don't feel you have to do the same.

The Chapter will reimburse hosts up to \$50 for expenses incurred when hosting. This can include things such as door prizes, game prizes, food expenses for hosting, crafting project supplies, etc. If you wish to be reimbursed, send an email to the Treasurer requesting a reimbursement check. Receipts are not necessary.

One point to remember – **A membership meeting must be planned during the weekend.** The timing for this meeting can be coordinated with the board members.

Examples:

Friday – Since most of the members will be arriving sometime on Friday, activities should be limited. Maybe:

- prepare a list of restaurants in the area
- propose a “dessert” buffet later in the evening
- hold a “happy hour” with munchies
- build a campfire around which to enjoy each other's company and chat.

Saturday – The survey results stated that most folks want free time to explore the area. Keep this in mind when you plan your activities. You might plan:

- A potluck breakfast or dinner
- If there is an unusual tourist attraction in the area, you might want to check, in advance, with those camping to see if they would like you to plan a group trip.
- Meeting and games after dinner.
- Handicraft projects

Sunday – Everyone will be getting ready to head home. A “goodbye” get together should be planned. Such as:

- Coffee Hour
- A continental breakfast
- A restaurant breakfast

Remember not all campers will participate in all activities. For example, some folks don't like to play games, but are content to watch or just sit around and talk. Also, some of our members still work, so this might be the only time they get to relax and do nothing.