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Tent Rental Agreement

Tents are crucial to the operation of our Boy Scouts of America troop, since outdoor adventure is one of our main activities. We need our tents to last many years; they are expensive to replace. Tents are not playgrounds; they are mainly just for sleeping. Some exceptions may include reading or playing cards in your tent if it's raining. If you want to use a troop tent, please follow these guidelines.

NO FOOD OR DRINK IN TENTS -- EVER! (other than water)

The troop uses these tents in wilderness settings, so keeping them completely odor-free is important. For example, Philmont prohibits the use of any tent that has **EVER** had food or drink in it. No snacks, candy, pop, gatorade, beef jerky, trail mix, etc. ever in the tents.

NO SHOES OR BOOTS IN TENTS -- EVER!

Take off your shoes or boots or sandals before entering the tent. You probably don't wear footwear in your house, let alone your BED! You can leave them in the little vestibule right outside, or store them in your pack or a garbage bag to keep them dry. We need to keep the tents very clean.

NO BACKPACKS IN TENTS -- EVER!

All packs should be stored outside and covered to keep them dry. Packs in the tent significantly increase the wear and tear on the tent, and introduce dirt and odors.

TENTS MUST BE COMPLETELY DRIED BEFORE STORAGE!

It's very unlikely that a tent will be dry enough to store if packed up in the morning. Usually, you will have to set it up again when it's hot and sunny, or if that's not possible, set it up overnight in a room at church or in your garage to guarantee that it's fully dry. A tent that has **ANY HINT** of moisture before being rolled up and stored will develop mildew, destroying the tent.

I understand these four rules and agree to abide by them if I use a troop tent.

Tent number: _____ Dates used: _____

Signed,

(borrower)

(troop quartermaster)

(troop SPL/ASPL/leader)