

TROOP 944 – PATROL EQUIPMENT CARE

1. CHUCKBOX Common problems

- Stove burner is set too high, leading to food burning. Start with burner set VERY low, esp. for heat-sensitive food like pancakes.
- Items are packed with traces of wetness, leading to oxidation & mildew.
- Non-stick cookware is used or packed carelessly.
- Water containers (not part of chuck box) are stored wet inside with lids on.

2. **Packing Pack** items shown in photo first (not all chuck box items are shown). All Items must be THOROUGHLY dry before long term storage; this usually means air dry overnight (or more) indoors. Pack so that non-stick surfaces will not get scratched by metal edges or points.

3. **Cleaning** Do not put any dirty items in box, keep box CLEAN. Clean all items used on campout THOROUGHLY AT HOME prior to packing for storage. Dry THOROUGHLY. Aluminum cookware will oxidize even if damp and box will “sour” if any wetness is present for long term storage.

4. **Non-stick surfaces** Do not use metal utensils on non-stick surfaces. Soak hard-to-remove deposits overnight, then clean. For “impossible” burnt-on deposits, gently scrub with a USED nylon scrubber – do not use a new one or brillo (metal) pad.

5. **Water containers** (not part of chuck box). After campout, rinse thoroughly with hot water, shake excess water out, and leave to dry at least a week with lid off. Only replace lid if inside is 100% dry.

6. **TENTS and POP-UP FLIES** These MUST be UNFOLDED and THOROUGHLY DRIED after each trip. Tents rolled up with a damp ground cloth on a trip are WET. They will mildew and smell. The material loses its waterproof ability after degrading and will require Patrol replacement.

7. **MISSING or DAMAGED ITEMS** Whether a tent stake, or a pot, these should be reported through the Patrol/Troop Quartermasters and the end of each trip. The missing items will continue to be a problem on the next trip until it is reported and taken care of.



Chuck box shown with first items packed. Store non-stick cookware with care. All items must be DRY for long-term storage.