

CAMPING QUIZ

1. If your group travels off trail, it is best to:
 - a) Hike apart with each person taking a slightly different route
 - b) Hike in groups of two or three
 - c) Hike in a line
2. It is best to set camp:
 - a) In an area that shows a lot of use
 - b) In an area that shows a little use
 - c) In an area that shows no use
3. On a topographical map, contour lines connect:
 - a) Points of equal latitude
 - b) Points of equal elevation
 - c) Points of interest
 - d) Points of trail access
4. To remember your camp:
 - a) Carve your name on a dead tree
 - b) Scratch your name on a rock
 - c) Take a picture
5. A fire that leaves the least trace is:
 - a) One built in a hole in the ground that you fill in later
 - b) One built within a circle of rocks that has been used before
 - c) One built on a mound of dirt on top of a tarp
6. The best thing to do with your camping trash is:
 - a) Bury it at least eight inches deep
 - b) Pack it out
 - c) Burn it
 - d) Leave it in a place not visible from the trail
7. Which knot will be most useful for correctly pitching a tent?
 - a) Half-hitch
 - b) Butterfly
 - c) Taut-line
 - d) Bowline
8. The best way to dispose of human waste is:
 - a) To bury it in a cathole
 - b) To bury it in a latrine
 - c) To hide it beneath a large rock
9. To minimize the impact of your camp, the number of people in a camping group should be:
 - a) 10 to 12
 - b) 8 to 10
 - c) 6 to 8
 - d) No more than 6
10. If you realize you're lost, you should:
 - a) Try to retrace your steps
 - b) Stay put and blow your whistle
 - c) Stay put and build a fire
 - d) Climb a tall tree to see where you are

1. Answer a)

When off the trail, hike apart -- but never out of sight of your buddy -- and move carefully, staying on durable surfaces such as rock, sand, dry grass and natural litter on the forest floor. Stay off wet meadows and leafy plants. You don't want to hike in a line, creating a trail. Leave no trace.

2. Answer a)

Campsites that have already been used heavily will show little or no more disturbances if you use them. Remember all camps must be set at least 200 feet from water to further reduce your impact on the environment.

3. Answer b)

Since contour lines connect points of equal elevation, you can look at a topographical map and tell whether a trail goes uphill or downhill. The space between contour lines is called the contour interval. When you know the distance of contour intervals, you can tell how fast a trail gains or loses elevation.

4. Answer c)

It is disrespectful and often illegal to remove anything from the wilderness. It is a bad habit to leave marks on the environment. Leave no trace.

5. Answer b)

Using an old fire "ring" reduces the impact that you would cause by building a fire in a new spot. All firewood should be dead branches that you pick off the ground, never off a tree. Keep firewood small so it will burn to white ash, leaving no partially burned sticks behind.

6. Answer b)

Pack it in, pack it out. And if you see trash that someone else carelessly left behind, be kind and pack that out too.

7. Answer c)

Simple and effective, the taut-line allows you to take all the slack out of tent lines, keeping your tent set up tight. You have more room inside, and rain slides off easily.

8. Answer a)

Feces needs to be kept away from people, animals, insects and water. Bury it in a cathole to make sure this happens. The hole should be four to eight inches deep in topsoil. Dig it in a remote spot at least 70 big steps (about 200 feet) away from water, camps, trails, and ravines down which rain runs. The hole should be filled in after use and the spot disguised.

9. Answer d)

Think small. Smaller groups travel and find campsites more easily. Smaller groups tend to cause less harm to the environment and less disturbance to wildlife.

10. Answer b)

Someone will be looking for you soon, especially if you wisely left word where you were going and when you'd be back. If you move around, you will be harder to find, and you might move farther away from help. Blow your whistle to let others know where you are.