Outdoor Cook



Some of the best camping memories are made sitting around a campfire—or camp stove—eating the meal you've prepared outdoors. Try the activities in this badge to make some new memories (and some great food, too).



1. Bon Appetit!

With a group, help plan, prepare, and serve an outdoor meal. Help do at least one of the following: plan the menu, make shopping and equipment lists, shop, pack, take care of food at the site, prepare and serve food, or clean up.

2. Bean There, Done That

Find three recipes that use a common food such as beans, rice, or potatoes. Prepare at least one of those recipes during a cookout. Save the other recipes for future trips.

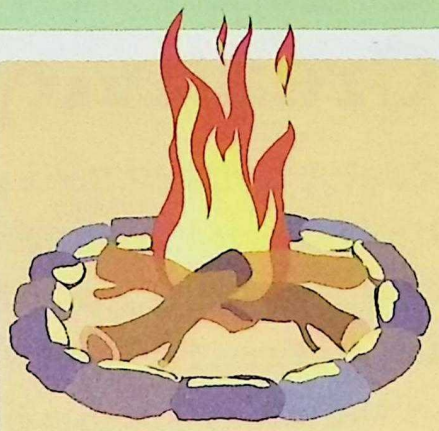
3. Cook It

Find out how to use at least two different cooking methods from the list below:

- Propane stove
- Butane stove
- Gas stove
- Charcoal
- Canned heat
- Solar energy



Solar Oven



4. Don't Let the Fire Go Out

Show your ability to maintain a cooking fire in windy or wet weather.

5. Cooking On a Camp Stove

Show how to use a backpacker's stove or camp stove safely by preparing a meal on it for yourself and your group.

6. Keep It Clean

On one of your cookouts, take a lead role in the clean-up process. Show that you can do two of the following:

- Put out a fire
- Remove the ashes
- Extinguish the camp stove
- Wash, sanitize, and store the dishes
- Dispose of the trash, wet garbage, tin cans, and glass without endangering or damaging the environment

7. No Cooking Tonight

Help plan and prepare a tasty, easy-to-pack, lightweight, high-energy dinner for hot weather or emergency use that requires no cooking or refrigeration.

8. Mix It Up

Experiment with making and packaging your own dry mixes for use on your next camping trip.

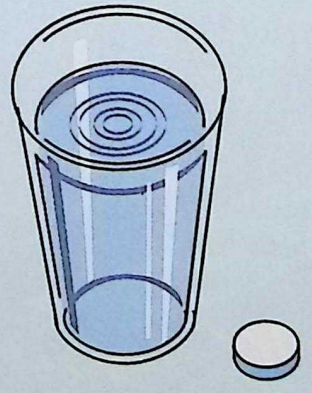
9. All Dried Up

Sun-dry or oven-dry some fresh fruit, vegetables, or seasonings to use on a cookout.

10. Test the Waters

In camping areas where the water has not been tested and approved by the local health department, you will need to know how to purify the water before using it for drinking or cooking. Show your ability to purify water using one of the following methods:

- A commercial water purification kit
- Water purification tablets



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