

Patrol Cooking FAQ

Summer 2025



Massawepie Scout Camps

What is patrol cooking?

Patrol cooking is intended for troops who are up for an extra challenge while at camp. On top of earning merit badges and participating in various

other camp activities, they are cooking their own meals in their campsite as opposed to eating prepared meals in the Dining Hall.

Patrol cooking is a great opportunity for Scouts to work on basic cooking skills - measuring ingredients, cutting up vegetables, etc. in a comfortable and safe environment. Again though, this is on top of all the other hustle and bustle of camp and it does take time from your day. It is recommended to only patrol cook if you have Scouts **who are experienced with going to summer camp and are up for the extra challenge.**

What meals can a troop patrol cook?

Troops have two options for patrol cooking. They can either patrol cook all of their meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) or they can patrol cook breakfast and dinner and eat the prepared Dining Hall meals for lunch. Some troops enjoy the option of having lunch in the Dining Hall as it gives Scouts more flexibility during the day.

What is the patrol cooking menu?

The patrol cooking menu does differ year to year but the main goal is to have meals that allow Scouts to try different skills while working in the confines of cooking in a campsite with the supplies that have been given.

Here is an example of the patrol cooking menu from Summer 2024. ***A new menu is being developed for Summer 2025 and will be released prior to camp with the Patrol Cooking Guide. Again the following is just an example and NOT the actual menu for Summer 2025.***

Patrol Cooking Menu 2024

	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
Sunday	N/A	N/A	-Goulash (pasta, ground beef, tomatoes, onions) -Rolls w/ Butter -Salad -Dessert -Drink Mix

Monday	-McMassawepies (bagels, eggs, sliced cheese, sausage patties) -Cereal -Milk -Fruit -Hot Cocoa Mix	-Tacos (tortillas w/ ground beef, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes) -Dessert	-One Pot Dinner (chicken, rice, and vegetables) -Rolls w/ Butter -Dessert -Drink Mix
Tuesday	-Pancakes -Bacon -Cereal -Milk -Fruit -Hot Cocoa Mix	-Sandwiches (cold cuts, lettuce, tomato, cheese) -Chips -Raw Peppers -Dessert	-Tin Foil Dinners (beef and vegetables) -Rolls w/ Butter -Dessert -Drink Mix
Wednesday	-French Toast -Turkey Sausage -Cereal -Milk -Fruit -Hot Cocoa Mix	-Mac and Cheese with Ham -Raw Carrots and Celery -Dessert	-Turkey w/ Gravy -Mashed Potatoes -Salad -Dessert -Drink Mix
Thursday	-Bagels w/ Butter and Cream Cheese -Eggs -Bacon -Cereal -Milk -Hot Cocoa Mix	-BBQ Chicken Sandwiches -Chips -Raw Peppers -Dessert	-Beef Stew (stew meat, egg noodles, and vegetables) -Rolls w/ Butter -Dessert -Drink Mix
Friday	-Breakfast Tacos (eggs, peppers, onions, cheese) -Cereal -Milk -Fruit -Hot Cocoa Mix	-Grilled Ham and Cheese -Tomato Soup -Chips -Raw Carrots -Dessert	Carnival!
Saturday	-Cereal w/ Milk -Donuts -Fruit	N/A	N/A

What supplies are given to troops who patrol cook?

Troops that choose to patrol cook are given cooking equipment on top of the food supplies needed for meals. For every ten troop members (Scouts and adults) the troop is supplied with a camp stove, a propane tank with a hose, wash basins, and a patrol cooking box which contains:

- 1 large pot with a top
- 1 medium pot with a top
- 1 small pot with a top
- 1 coffee pot with a top
- 1 large frying pan
- 1 small frying pan
- 1 strainer
- 1 cutting board

- 1 large knife
- 1 small knife
- 1 spatula
- 1 ladle
- 1 can opener
- 1 peeler

- 1 large spoon
- 1 large fork
- 1 set of tongs
- 2 pot holders
- 1 thermometer
- 1 pan handle

These equipment items are given to troops on Sunday when they check in. Troops are then given the food supplies needed for each meal as well as a variety of staple items they will need throughout their week. Staples items include:

- dish soap
- sanitizer tablets
- paper towels
- napkins
- scrub pads

- matches
- garbage bags
- oil
- salt + pepper

Are there any changes to patrol cooking for summer 2025?

There are a few changes to patrol cooking coming for summer 2025. Previously Scouts have come directly to the Dining Hall for each meal to pick up their food. Starting in summer 2025 there will be a few 'Pick Up Stations' where Scouts will go to pick their food up. This will be very beneficial for troops who stay in campsites up the hill by ECON and for troops who stay in campsites down along the lake. Another change for summer 2025 is that the food for each meal will be given out in coolers.

How does a troop sign up for patrol cooking?

A troop signs up for patrol cooking through ScoutingEvent. It is a required forms question when you sign up to camp. If you have already booked your week at Massawepie please review your forms question to make sure your dining plans are accurate for your summer 2025 stay!