

FIN EQUIPMENT RULES

Persons using equipment for the purpose of leading youth groups on camping trips must have completed one of the following:

- The Guide Leadership Training (GLT)
 - The Frontcountry Leadership Training (FLT) and Gear Orientation (GO)
 - The Hiking Gear Training and Gear Orientation (GO)
1. The Executive Director has the right to refuse the use of any equipment at any time.
 2. A credit card agreement must be filled out during gear pickups, unless we have a recent one on file.
 3. If equipment is lost, stolen or damaged, the borrowing individual or agency is responsible for paying to repair or replace the item. (See replacement costs). If gear is lost, stolen or damaged repeatedly (3 or more times) the youth leader will lose borrowing privileges for six months. If the damage is due to normal wear and tear the youth leader or agency will not be held responsible. The decision as to whether an item needs to be repaired or replaced is at the discretion of the Executive Director. Invoices will be sent. Unpaid invoices will be charged to the credit card on file after 30 days.
 4. Requests for borrowing should be made at least two weeks before a planned trip. It is advisable to make requests as soon as your dates are set in case of conflicts with quantities, pick-up times, etc. Gear request forms can be found at familiesinnature.org and filled request forms should be sent to miriam@familiesinnature.org. Please make sure you always have the most recent gear request form downloaded, as changes to it are made occasionally.
 5. Dirty and wet equipment returns will not be tolerated. Please see return procedures to properly return equipment. The borrowing individual or agency will be charged a fee for each item that is returned unsatisfactorily.
 6. Late equipment returns will not be tolerated. If there is a problem with returning gear on time, notify the Operations Coordinator immediately for other arrangements. If gear is returned late repeatedly (3 or more times) the youth leader will lose borrowing privileges for six months.
 7. The Executive Director has the right to terminate any youth leader from Bay Area Wilderness Training if she/he feels the youth leader is irresponsible with regard to the care and return of equipment.

When borrowing equipment from the program, it is expected that you and your group will treat the gear as if it were your own. The following are some general rules to remember when you borrow our gear. Thank you for assisting us in the preservation of our equipment.

- Tell us about any issues during your drop off.
- During your trip isolate or mark items that need attention and label them with repair tags.
- Do not repair issues with duct tape; it can get gummy and hard to remove.
- Do not put muddy footwear inside the tent.
- Absolutely NO SMOKING inside or around the tent.
- Do not force zippers, this can spread the teeth and ruin the material.
- Stoves: use only butane for backpacking stoves and propane for double burner stoves