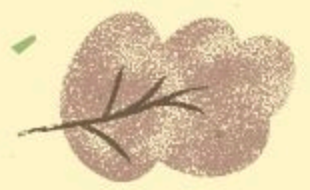


How to Care For Your Hiking Gear!



BOOTS

- CHECK FOR SCORPIONS
- SURFACE CLEAN WITH LIGHT SOAP AND WATER, AVOID ANY HARSH CLEANERS OR PERFUMES
- PULL OUT THE LINERS AND THROW THEM IN THE WASHING MACHINE WITH SOCKS OR OTHER TOUGH ITEMS
- USE A STIFF BRUSH TO CLEAN OUT ANY INSIDE DEBRIS AND DIRT
- DON'T LEAVE BOOTS TO DRY IN THE SUN OR OVER HEATERS, THIS CAN CAUSE DAMAGE, COOL DRY PLACES ARE THE BEST
- RE-WATERPROOF AND TOUCH-UP ANY DAMAGE TO THE OUTSIDE AFTER THEY DRY

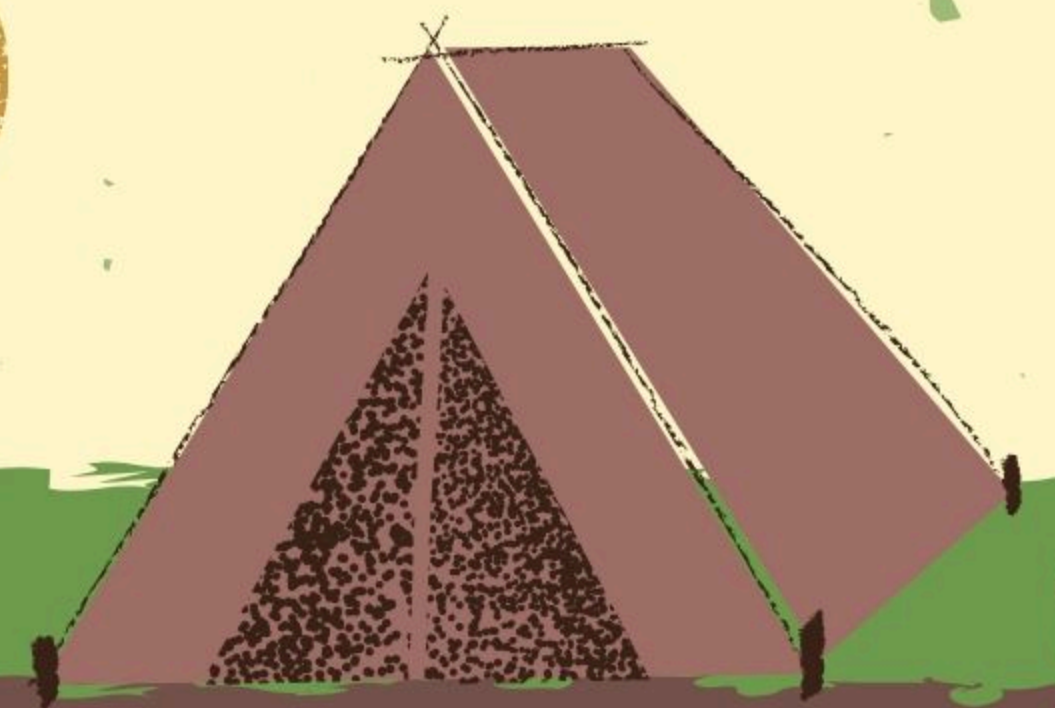




BACKPACKS



- OPEN UP ALL COMPARTMENTS AND CHECK FOR THAT FLASHLIGHT YOU LOST 3 YEARS AGO
- A GOOD SHAKE UPSIDE-DOWN WILL REMOVE MOST LARGE DEBRIS
- IF YOUR BACKPACK FITS, A LARGE WASHBASIN IS THE EASIEST, OTHERWISE A LARGE BRUSH AND LIGHT SOAP WILL CLEAN MOST MATERIALS USED IN BACKPACKS
- APPLY SILICONE LUBRICANT TO ZIPPERS, AS AN ADDED BENEFIT IT WILL REPEL WATER AND HELP KEEP THE CONTENTS DRY
- CHECK BUCKLES AND STRAPS FOR CRACKS AND FRAYS THAT YOU CAN REPAIR





OUTERWEAR/SPORTSWEAR

- CONSULT THE CARE TAG ON THE INSIDE OF ANY GARMENT BEFORE CLEANING FOR SPECIFIC TEMPERATURE AND HAND-WASH REQUIREMENTS
- WHITE VINEGAR CAN BE USED IN PLACE OF DETERGENTS TO CLEAN MOST ITEMS
- AVOID FABRIC SOFTENERS OR DETERGENTS THAT CONTAIN HEAVY ADDITIVES
- MOST TIGHTLY WOVEN SPORTSWEAR CAN BE HUNG AND AIR-DRIED OUTWEAR CAN BE LAID ON A DRY TOWEL UNTIL IT DRIES

