

FAQs:

Q1. What is the relationship between camping and leadership?

Ans. Camping and leadership go hand in hand, while camping provides individuals with the skill sets required to survive in tough situations, leadership is essential that the campers don't lose hope and are directed to work in one direction so as to increase the probability of survival in the wilderness.

Q2. What are the points that should be considered before looking at other camp site selection factors?

Ans. Choosing the right campsite can make or break the camper's experience. A good site allows one to practice the principles of Leave No Trace camping. Before looking at the specifics of what makes a good site, one must make sure that the following things apply first:

- Is the area being considered for a camp, one of those in which camping is restricted or prohibited?
- The local authorities will have the details of local sites, so there should be communication with them; this will be very helpful for the organizer while deciding the location for the camp site.
- A preliminary visit to the site is the best way of making sure that you have enough information about the site. The best time to visit is whilst (or just after) it has been raining.

Q3. Elaborate on the site selection factors.

Ans. The following things are a must when it comes to the selection of a camp site:

- Safe drinking water must be available nearby, as water is the basic necessity and it would be extremely difficult if there is limited or no supply of safe drinking water let alone for other daily uses.
- Well-drained land unlikely to flood in wet weather, preferably the location should have higher ground than the surrounding areas.
- Sufficient fairly level ground to accommodate the camp, at the end of the day all the campers will return to their camps to rest and get rejuvenated for the activities that are planned for the following day. There should be space to accommodate all the campers, plus the instructors', coordinators and the staff members as well.
- A sunny site is preferable, and a site which is not too exposed.
- Access to supplies for camp, no one can predict what would be required at what point of time during the entire duration of the stay

in the camp area, hence as mentioned earlier it should be away from the city but still have access to the city and all the facilities.

- Adequate fuel supplies.
- Boulder-free sites are much better for sleeping.
- Activities.

Q4. List the common factors to be considered while deciding the layout of a campsite.

Ans. Few of the most important factors that are found common in most of the camps are:

1. Sleeping tent
2. Fire and chopping area
3. Dining shelter
4. Toilets or lavatories

Q5. What are campsite guidelines? List down the guidelines.

Ans. Certain guidelines should be followed so as to make the experience a memorable one plus it is essential that it is the same for all the other campers who will be visiting in future too. It is of utmost importance that nature remains intact and it is our responsibility that the future generations too get to enjoy these benefits that environment provides, hence that following guidelines need consideration for the well-being of the campers as well as for the camp site:

- Environmental impact
- Safety
- Size
- Water
- Terrain
- Stoves & campfires
- Privacy
- Permission

Q6. Discuss the importance of leadership.

Ans. Progress in any field depends on the quality of professional leadership available. When any leader is striving to promote his profession, he is promoting himself directly or indirectly. Directly he is gaining stature and social recognition, and indirectly he gets the gains of profession through work. Leadership is not a quality which can be bestowed upon any person. One does not become a leader by accident. The responsibility of leadership comes on the shoulders of one who has his background of experience and training coupled with vital personal qualities, because these all add to the professional competence of the leader. One thing is certain that

there are certain qualities which distinguish a leader from other individuals around. In general, the qualities that make the individual a great leader are confidence, diligence, courage, will power and determination, foresightedness, mental alertness, logical reasoning and decision making, sense of morality and a strict code of ethics, disciplinarian and dynamism. It implies that to be an excellent camp leader one should possess the above mentioned qualities.

Q7. Summarize the responsibilities of the following:

- a. Camp director**
- b. Deputy director**
- c. Program director.**

Ans. The responsibilities of the camp leaders are mentioned hereunder:

- a. Camp Director:** Head of the camp coordinators camp activities through the camp council.
- b. Deputy Director:** Allots responsibilities, looks after the needs of the campers and the staff. Some of the other responsibilities may include supervision, orientation and training, records and report maintenance, council meetings and administration.
- c. Program director:** Responsible for the camp program – plans and coordinates the activities, evaluates the program and responsible for the equipments.

Q8. Mention the responsibilities of the following camp leaders:

- a. Health director**
- b. Mess director**
- c. Housing director**

Ans. The responsibilities of the camp leaders are mentioned hereunder:

- a. Health Director:** Responsible for sanitation and prevention of injuries and diseases, health inspection and first aid.
- b. Mess Director:** Works with the mess committee and is responsible for the supply and purchase of food stuff, deciding the menu and food service.
- c. Housing Director:** Works with the housing committee to arrange accommodation and other facilities for the campers and the leaders in some cases the grouping of the campers as well.

Q9. Mention the responsibilities of the following leaders in the camp:

- a. Unit director**
- b. Counselors**
- c. Specialist**

Ans. The responsibilities of the leaders are mentioned hereunder:

- a. Unit Director:** Works with the group leaders and counselors. He is responsible for unit activities for example attendance of unit for activities, setting up devotion, housing facilities, discipline in unit, individual and group problems, supervision of group projects. It may be summed up that the unit director helps to meet the needs of the campers.
- b. Counselors:** Works with the unit director and group leader, looking after the needs, health and activities, equipments, areas, report sickness, etc.
- c. Specialist:** Works with the program director. Mainly issues instructions in the particular activity that helps the camper in selecting and carrying out projects.

Q10. Elaborate on the guideline while selecting the location for the sleeping tent.

Ans. Following are the points that need to be considered while deciding the location for the sleeping tent:

- Find a flat piece of land not too near any overhanging trees, especially ones which drop sticky resin which could ruin the tent.
- Make sure it is an area which would not become a stream or flood if it rains heavily
- The ground is solid enough to hold the pegs securely.
- Back your tent into the prevailing wind, making sure that the wind is not blowing into the doors.