

# Campers Can Show Way to Keep Land Beautiful

## They Must Take Lead, Says Expert Offering Advice On How To Help Conserve Nature's Gifts

Ask any camper—camping is the finest kind of outdoor fun. To think it might be threatened by careless use of our environment is a sobering thought. Will our children have to forego the shimmering beauty of the desert, the peace and solitude of a mountain pass, the discovery of an isolated stretch of beach? Or will they be preserved and kept intact for future generations to enjoy?

"The answer depends in part on today's campers," according to Jack Hamilton, camping expert.

"Although government and private industry are taking corrective measures to rectify our environmental oversights, the task should be a personal one to assure real success. Each one of us should be committed actively to curbing the ills of our littered, polluted and scarred land.

"Individually and collectively, they can lead the way in changing careless attitudes about littering and pollution. If every camper set a good example, the result could be an unspoiled countryside instead of a desecrated landscape."

A good start on environmental concern is the journey to camp. The evils of be-

ing a litterbug should be stressed to children. This might take the form of a game for youngsters—drawing their version of a litterbug to keep them occupied en route.

Grownups, too, should be reminded that a litterbag in the car is the place to stash empty beverage containers, cigarette stubs and wrappings, etc. rather than leaving a wake of trash along the roadside.

Once at your destination, be considerate of your neigh-

bors if you've chosen a public campground. Keep your conversation low and your radio turned down after bedtime. Arrange your camp lanterns so they don't shine into neighboring tents or invade the privacy of others.

To avoid being a litterbug, the scourge of the camping world, knowing campers set up their own convenient receptacle by supporting a plastic trash can liner on four forked sticks driven into the ground, to provide support for the cross bars.

Dispose of it at the designated trash area if you're in a developed campground. Otherwise, leash it above ground at night so animals won't be attracted to it. When you leave the campsite, take it with you and dispose of it at home.

As any husband knows, the lady of the house—or in this case, the tent—brings along everything but the kitchen sink on a camping trip. So what about dishwashing in camp? Unwashed dishes and vestiges of food from the last meal are telling signs of a sloppy camper.

You'll find it's time-saving and less of a chore if you heat

the water for dishwashing while the family sits down to eat. Then you can tackle the dishes as soon as the meal is over without missing out on any of the fun. Wiping greasy plates and pans with paper towels before washing simplifies cleaning up.

If you've strung any ropes around the camp for washlines, etc., remove them before you strike camp. Leave

any wilderness campsite just as natural as possible so the next camper may enjoy it as much as you did.

## Tents Pop Into Shape

Setting up camp is easy if you have a Thermos Pop-Tent, one of the wonderfully convenient tents that's ready to occupy within two or three minutes after arrival at the campsite.

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Campers have a special stake in our country's beauty. They know its recreational potential and can do much to cure the ills of our abused land, especially littering. To keep your own campsite in apple-pie order, you might set up a trash receptacle by driving four forked sticks in square formation. For crossbars, place four sticks in "forks." Support plastic trash liner on frame.

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## Taking Television Along Provides Good Life

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TV sets come in a variety of screen sizes in both color and black-and-white models just for the outdoor family that takes to the open spaces in a motorhome, boat or settles down at the cottage. There are compact 12-inch diagonal screen sizes in black-and-white and 14-inch and 16-inch diagonal screen portables in today's new color models.

If reception is a problem in distant regions there are several antennas that can lick that worry. Some antennas as powerful as standard

house antennas are rigged to the tops of motorhomes. Then there's the inexpensive split (like a "T") in the trees method using common 300 ohm antenna lead wire.

The secret to good reception is as much height as possible.

Electricity today is available almost everywhere to power TV sets. Marinas usually have power outlets within easy reach of boat slips, campgrounds have outlets for trailers, and some motorhomes generate their own current.

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