

## **EAS Tent & Gear Cleaning Instructions**

**Volunteer Hours:** Record the following volunteer hours for each task -

- Tarps: 2 hours each
- Tent Package (Includes Footprint and Fly): 2 hours each
- Poles: 1 hour each set
- Utensils/Coolers/Grills/Griddles/Cloth items – 1-2 hours depending upon the amount of time involved

### **Cleaning Instructions**

#### **Tents:**

- Turn the tent inside-out and shake well to remove all inside debris. Tip: It works well to shake tents and rain flies from a high deck.
- Turn right side-out & remove all stains and grime from the tent and rain fly by wiping all dirt-stained areas gently with a soft, moist, towel. **Note: Do not hose down the tent or the rain fly!**
- **Do not put tent or rain fly in washer or dryer!**
- Remove the tent stakes and poles from their bags. Shake out bag (turn inside-out & wipe down if dirty).and remove all dirt and from the stakes and poles. Separate each section of the tent poles to clean grit from the connections. Air dry then return to bags.
- Remove all knots from the tent lines, except those at the ends, and let the lines air dry. If the lines are muddy they may be soaked in a tub of mild soap, rinsed, then hung to fully air-dry.
- Wipe down the tent bag (inside & out) if it has gotten muddy. Shake out dirt and sand.
- Ensure every part of the tent is **completely dry** then repack all components into the bag
- Label the tent bag with your name on a piece of tape or a tag so we can better track returns

#### **Tarps and footprints (ground clothes):**

- If dry, spread out & sweep thoroughly with a broom
- If dirty, sweep, then spray with a hose to rinse dirt off/out
- Wipe with a towel, if needed
- Fully air dry and neatly fold (do not put in dryer)

#### **Coolers:**

- Fully drain & wipe down all surfaces (inside & out) with soapy water.
- Rinse surfaces with water & towel dry
- Disinfect the inside surfaces by wiping down with a weak chlorine bleach solution
- Leave the cooler open to fully air dry

#### **Utensils and cloth items:**

Please run utensils through a dishwasher and scrub larger items (e.g., pots/pans) with soap and hot water. Cloth items can be run through the washing machine.

#### **Griddles/Woks/Cast Iron Skillets:**

- **Do not run through dishwasher!**
- Gently scrub any food debris from surface (do not use a metal brush)
- Heat and thoroughly rub surface with vegetable oil to remove other food debris and to season the surface
- Allow to cool and remove excess oil with paper towels