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**SCOUTCRAFT**

**Date:** Thu, 15 Aug 1996 08:41:05 EDT  
**From:** Nathan Mann <ndmann@TACL.DNET.GE.COM>  
**Subject:** 35mm Film Container uses

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**o Fire starter kits**

Matches of course - waterproofed just in case

Short birthday candles - lights other items easier than matches

steel wool or dryer lint - tender tinder for testing fires that are \*out\*

**o Neckerchief slides**

lots of variations

**o 1st aid kits**

Coin, Band-aids, etc.

**o Spices**

**o Fishing kit**

Hooks

Line

Weight

**o Ashes**

Of each campfire, labeled and on a shelf

Of flag retirements, with written history

**o Coin holders for toll roads**

And the most recent use at the Crossroads of America summer camp

(Ransburg - on Lake Monroe in south-central Indiana near Bloomington)

Their Iron Scout program's base camp had a spigot and hose in the middle of a

field for a water source. An A-frame lashing, some side rails, and a tarp quickly formed a poor-man's shower. After the first cooling off under that cold

strong stream of water, I took a 35mm container out of my pack, punched tiny

holes in the base, added a couple layers of DUCT TAPE to the end of the hose,

and proceeded to attach the new SHOWER HEAD. Worked great all week!!!

You can also attach a 35mm 'shower head' to many water carrier's nozzles so that a rope can hoist the water jug up, and another rope can tilt it to turn ON and OFF your field shower.

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Date: Fri, 16 Aug 1996 09:56:48 -0700  
From: Tim Goncharoff <tgonchar@CATS.UCSC.EDU>  
Subject: Re: Troop Gateways

Hi Rob,

It depends of course on what you have to work with. If there are some handy saplings you can tie together, that's a good start. If not, we have done various variations on the following: Lay 2 stout and tall branches or young trees on the ground. At equal heights, lay a third branch across the top, at least 10 feet above the base. Lash them together (remember, the demonstration of scout skills is what makes this impressive. Be sure your lashings are correct and tight). Do you have a troop sign or banner? If so, next step is to lash it in place just below your crosspiece. Next, measure carefully and dig two post holes for your uprights, at least 18 inches deep (more is better). Plant your gateway solidly and support as necessary with diagonal braces, stones, etc. You want to make sure it won't fall over if someone leans on it. Decoration possibilities are endless: we have hung troop ribbons (the awards that usually hang from your troop flag), greenery, flowers, pinecones, and all sorts of things from the uprights and crosspiece. Boys have carved their names or patrol yells on the logs. You can fly patrol flags from the uprights. Don't forget the possibilities for decorating around your gateway. "Troop XXX welcomes you," spelled out in pinecones, branches, etc., looks cool. Lashed-together camp gadgets, such as benches, potracks, etc, placed near the entrance, while not part of your gateway, add to the overall feel. We like to place a well-designed axe-yard near the entrance as well.

Lots of options. Have fun, and good luck. Let us know how it goes. On Thu, 15 Aug 1996, Rob Fikes wrote:

> I am looking for a plan for a REALLY COOL gateway to our troop campsite.

- > **This year at our district camporee, we are having a gateway judging and we**
- > **would like to have an AWESOME, yet portable gateway. If you have any ideas**
- > **for us, just let me know. Any help would be GREATLY appreciated.**
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- > **Thanks**
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