



Troop 175 Bear Bagging

"Bear bagging" is something of a general term used for hanging your food. There are lots of other animals (raccoons, coyotes, skunks, etc.) that will go after human food. In some cases you may be camped in locations where there are no bears, but still need to hang your food at night.

Bear bagging is used on The Fifty and Base Camp

Hang up all food, toiletries, and garbage!!!



What you Need

- 50' of rope
- 50' of parachute cord
- 2 food bags
- 2 carabineers (small)
- Stuff sack
- A good arm

An example of a bear bag

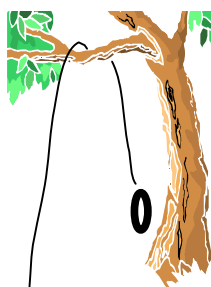
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1. Find a tree with a live branch. The branch should be at least 20 feet from the ground with no object below the branch that could support a bear's weight. The point at which you will toss the rope over the branch should be at least 10 feet. The branch should be at least 4 inches in diameter at the tree and at least 1 inch in diameter at the rope point.

2. Separate your food and other items into two bags of roughly equal weight.



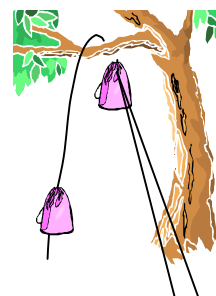
3. Throw the weighted line over a branch



4. Attach the food bag with the carabineer.
5. Slip a length of parachute cord through the carabineer. Hold both ends of the parachute cord



6. Raise the food bag to the top.
7. Tie a loop with an overhand knot and attach a carabineer and the second food bag
8. Coil the rope neatly on top of the second food bag. Keep a loop for recovery.



9. Raise the second food bag with the parachute cord until it is even with the first food bag
10. Release one end of the parachute cord and pull it through

