

My Son is the Grubmaster, What is My Role?

The following information is offered in the hopes of making the job of a patrol grubmaster and his parents easier. When it is your son's turn to be grubmaster for an outing, the patrol will have prepared a menu (at a troop or patrol meeting.) It is then signed-off by an ASM/Patrol Mentor. The mentor will do his best to edit it for nutritional balance and estimate if it will come within budget. Follow the menu the patrol planned. Good or bad, it's what the group agreed to.

This is a good opportunity for you to get involved in helping to teach your son some important life skills (food planning, portion control, budgeting, shopping) but remember it's his job: You can help, but please don't do it for him. Guide him in writing up his shopping list based on the menu. Encourage him to **group like items together**, just as you do when you are shopping. (If a key item/ingredient is missing it should be added.)

- Your son should have a firm attendance count by the Wednesday prior to the outing. If he doesn't know he (not you) should call his patrol leader first to get the information; if that doesn't work, try the senior patrol leader who will have a copy of the roster; as a last resort call the ASM in charge of the outing to get an accurate count.

- If the patrol only needs a **small quantity** of something, please donate it from your own kitchen. For example, enough salad dressing for a patrol of four to six scouts can be decanted into a smaller bottle, saving the expense of a Costco family-sized bottle, and thus saving room in the ice chest/dry goods container

When you take your son shopping, please **DO** the following:

- **He is responsible for the shopping;** don't do it for him while he's at school. Let him push his own shopping basket around the store. If you have your own shopping to do, have a separate basket for your own family.



