

SWAPS

SWAPS are pins that girls in scouts make to trade with each other and collect from one another at our upcoming Community Weekend Camp. SWAP stands for **S**pecial **W**hatchamacallits **A**ffectionately **P**inned **S**omewhere. Another meaning for the acronym is "Share With A Pal" for SWAP. This definition is for girls who want to make SWAPS without a pin.

Etiquette for Swapping SWAPS

There are some general rules to swapping with other girl scouts and how the SWAPS are made.

1.) SWAPS should be handmade and have the Community Weekend Camp theme, but you can purchase little toys and creatively personalize them, or glue them onto a tag. When you make a special whatchamacallit for Girl Scouts you are putting a bit of "you" into the craft. In that way you are sharing a piece of you and offering your friendship to those you are giving it to.

2.) It should have a pin so that other girls can pin it onto something, but swapping Community Weekend Camp themed friendship bracelets and other non pin items is still great fun.

3.) Always give a SWAPS when someone asks you for one, even if they don't have anything to trade. That person may need the friendship you have to give.

4.) If you want to show off SWAPS that you have collected, pin them to your hat or bandanna. For SWAPS you want to give, pin them to a t-shirt or keep them in a box or baggie that you can show to others.

5.) SWAPS should not be made of food items or real flowers.

6.) Make sure that you put your troop number on your SWAPS because there will be people from many different troops participating in our campout and they would like to remember the new friends who they swapped with.

7.) Be creative, you can come up with all kinds of ideas to make fun pinned SWAPS.