



## Renewing Our Campsites: Campsite Furniture Cadre

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Campsite Furniture Cadre volunteers will disassemble old campsite benches and, to the best of their ability, haul out old lumber material.

**LOGISTICS:** A list of high-priority campsite benches will be compiled and updated into a Google Doc which all campsite furniture cadre volunteers will have access to. Each of these projects can be claimed by a volunteer by writing your first and last name in the corresponding field. Please only claim projects that you can reasonably accomplish and allow other volunteers the chance to help out.

If you “join” this Cadre, you should sign up with another Campsite Cadre volunteer or bring a friend or partner. This task will require two people, especially the hauling out.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Follow the rules and policies of the Superior Hiking Trail Association, including general Trail rules such as keeping dogs on leashes and abiding by the SHTA Personal Safety Policy.
- Follow guidelines for managing campsite furniture (see next page).
- Dispose of lumber hauled out (if you have to pay a disposal fee, keep receipt for reimbursement).
- Report the work done and the hours contributed via an online form or paper form.
- For volunteers on Forest Service property, sign the Forest Service Volunteer Services Agreement form and abide by all Forest Service regulations.

### **TOOLS AND SUPPLIES:**

- The Superior Hiking Trail Association can provide tools, personal protective equipment and, with advance notice, other supplies as needed. Volunteers should provide their own gloves.
- Only certified chain sawyers are allowed to use a chainsaw on the Superior Hiking Trail.
- Essential tools for dismantling old furniture include claw hammer; pry bar or crow bar; hand saw.



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### **What's Gotta Go:**

The campsite furniture – benches that are built on lumber or stumps and found in almost every SHT campsite – that must go is that which is simply falling apart. Boards are wobbly or loose; benches are lying off to the side on their own and separated from the other bench(es); nails are sticking out.

This furniture is dangerous and should be dismantled and removed from the campsite.

### **Dismantling Is Fun!**

- Here is where you can take out your cares and woes on some lumber and nails. Pry apart the boards, **removing all nails.**
- If the boards are nailed to stumps, remove any nails and leave the stumps for use as campsite stools.

### **Where Does the Old Lumber Go?**

- After the dismantling fun comes the drudgery of hauling out the lumber.
- To the extent you can, bring the old lumber and any hardware to the nearest trailhead. If you have a means to haul it and dispose of it, or have a use for it, please take it with you. Do NOT leave lumber in plain view of the campsite; otherwise it will become toxic firewood.
- Pile up the lumber at the trailhead – in the woods just off the trailhead, not in the parking lot.
- Please let SHTA know that you've cleaned up a campsite of junky furniture and what you did with the lumber.



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Our goal is to ‘re-furnish’ the campsites with local materials.

The photos below show what existing “natural” campsite furniture looks like. We believe that the furniture in the top photo may have been made in the early 1990s, when the SHT was first laid out. Its durability and appeal speak for themselves, compared to benches constructed with treated lumber.

If helping us create new campsite furniture from local materials appeals to you, Do NOT attempt it without first talking with SHTA staff. We need to know that you are a certified sawyer and discuss your plan.

