

What do I need to bring – all Scouts:

- Medical Form and copy of Insurance card - if you don't have one on file with Troop (if you don't know check).
- Camp fee if you did not pay it
- Medicines – these must be turned into the adult in charge for the weekend upon arrival at our meeting point – pick up a medicine record form at the meeting or submit a sheet with all information on medicines including dosage, time they are to be taken, etc. No Scout should be taking anything without our knowledge, this includes “as needed medications” such as tylenol, allergy medicine, inhalers, etc ...
- Class A Uniform – Scouts **always** travel to camp and back home in their uniform. Besides looking good, we do this for insurance reasons.
- Scout Handbook – we will be doing a lot of advancement stuff this weekend – get it signed off – put your book in a Ziploc bag to keep it dry and clean – make sure your name is on the book and the Ziploc
- Boots – it will probably be muddy and wet – maybe even a backup pair
- Raingear – it will probably rain
- Warm Clothes – it's not spring yet
- Sleeping Pad – we are tenting so come prepared
- A tarp (one of the classic blue ones or a similar ground sheet) –5X7 or 6X8 or something similar – clearly marked with your name – this is a good thing to put under your sleeping pad. If you don't have one don't panic as this is not required - and just a good thing to have.
- A length of rope – 25 feet – 1/4 or 3/8” (good to have for summer camp too as a clothesline – so if you don't have it might as well get it early)
- Snacks – you don't need these – each patrol cooks and eats as a patrol – each patrol has a grubmaster assigned who will look after the food for the weekend. And as a rule we never go hungry. If you have dietary issues make sure your Scout discusses this with their patrol when they are planning the menu, and make sure the Scoutmaster knows ahead of time so we can try to accomodate.
- Leave electronic devices at HOME. The troop policy only allows electronics (electronic games, iPods, etc.) on long trips - for the car trip. Once we reach our destination they stay in the car. We understand that Scouts may take pictures on their phone, and on occasion look something up, but we do not want to see Scouts using cell phones at camp for anything else. We are trying to teach responsible use of cell phones. If a Scout has a need to phone or contact home they should see a Scoutmaster. If your Scout has a phone and does contact you with an issue contact the Scoutmaster and let us deal with the issue at camp.

New Scout Gear List

Note: For your first campout, just bring as much of the following equipment as you already own or can borrow. You will need a sleeping bag and a closed-cell foam camp sleeping mat, but try not to buy any other new equipment until you have been on a couple campouts and had a chance to talk to your fellow Scouts and Scoutmasters about what to buy.

- ___ **BACKPACK** (and/or large Sports Equipment Bag, and/or Duffel Bag). Line it with a Garbage Bag first, to keep contents dry.
- ___ **SLEEPING BAG** – evenings will be cold – if you have a summer weight bag bring two
- ___ **CLOSED-CELL FOAM CAMP SLEEPING PAD** (\$7, Walmart's camping section).
- ___ **RAINCOAT** (If buying new, include rain pants if possible, about \$40 for a set that will last)
- ___ **EXTRA PAIR PANTS** (non-cotton cargo pants if possible -- check the tags for polyester, nylon, or other synthetics – pure synthetics are not the warmest ... look for a blend)
- ___ **WOOL SWEATER, or POLYESTER/Cotton blend SWEATSHIRT**
- ___ **LONG SLEEVE SHIRT** (Wool or synthetic fiber for insulating quality/quick drying-\$3 at thrift stores – there are some nice polyester/cotton blends that are great for this) or two
- ___ **2 SHORT SLEEVE SHIRTS** (poly/cotton blend is best – wicks away moisture and doesn't suck up moisture like a pure cotton shirt))
- ___ **Something warm to sleep in** – don't sleep in the clothes you wore all day – they will be wet and you will get cold – flannel or fleece pyjamas or sweat pants and a sweatshirt
- ___ **Jacket** (a normal jacket for the time of year – something to cut the wind)
- ___ **HIKING BOOTS or Sturdy Footwear** (if buying new buy 1/2 size larger to fit heavy hiking socks)
- ___ **EXTRA SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR** – at least two pairs of extra socks for the weekend
- ___ **HAT** (with brim for sun or something warm if it is cold) – or both – also **GLOVES** if cold
- ___ **MESS-KIT (BOWL, CUP, FORK, SPOON, PLATE** -- (plastic keeps food warmer than metal – marked with a name is also good).
- ___ **a ONE-QUART WATER BOTTLES**, ("Nalgene" Bottles are the most dependable).
- ___ **FLASHLIGHT & EXTRA BATTERIES.**
- ___ **SMALL FIRST AID KIT** (You can make your own: *BSA Handbook*, for small emergencies like cuts and scrapes and or blisters. For the bigger issues the Troop has you covered).
- ___ **PEN & POCKET NOTEPAD**, (No, you can't borrow ours), **BSA HANDBOOK** (when requirements are completed get them signed off – don't wait two months and then try to get someone to remember for you that you did them)
- ___ **CLEAN-UP KIT** (Small Hand Soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Comb/Brush, Floss, Fast-Drying Camp Towel – depending on the weather and the camp we won't be showering so a small towel is all you need, other toiletries as required)
- ___ **TOILET PAPER** (Half a roll in a ZipLoc bag – we bring it, but Be Prepared and there is no toilet paper better than home).

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If you are not sure, ask! The only stupid question is the one you forgot to ask.

Packing gets easier with time – Scouts will know what they like to wear at camp and will see what others do. Scouts are encouraged to be responsible and pack their own gear. That way when they get to camp and are cold, and wet, and don't have dry clothes to wear they have no one to blame but their selves. On the next campout they might do a better job a packing.