

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). The new medical form is attached. If you are new to the troop complete this and bring a copy to the meeting tomorrow or on Friday night. We don't need a doctors signature for the weekend – just Part A and C. However, everyone will need this new form filled out for summer camp – including the doctor part
- 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 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
- 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 8X10or something similar – clearly marked with your name – this will be required for the activities Saturday – and a good thing to own anyway
- Compass – each patrol will need at least one amongst them
- A length of rope – 25-50 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 probably 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 feel it necessary to bring snacks, MAKE SURE that they are not left in your bag in your tent. They MUST be put in the trailer with your patrols food.
- Leave electronic devices at HOME. The troop policy only allows electronics (including cell phones, IPODs, etc.) on long trips - for the car trip. Once we reach our destination they stay in the car. We

do not want to see Scouts using cell phones at camp. If a Scout has a need to phone home then they should see a Scoutmaster.

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 right away, 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**
- _____ **CLOSED-CELL FOAM CAMP SLEEPING PAD** (\$7, Walmart's camping section).
- _____ **RAINCOAT** (If buying new, see "Wish List," below)
- _____ **EXTRA PAIR PANTS** (non-cotton, if possible -- check the tags for polyester, nylon, or other synthetics)
- _____ **WOOL SWEATER, or POLYESTER SWEATSHIRT**
- _____ **LONG SLEEVE SHIRT** (Wool or synthetic fiber for insulating quality/quick drying-\$3 at thrift stores).
- _____ **2 SHORT SLEEVE SHIRTS**
- _____ **Something warm to sleep in** – don't sleep in the clothes you wore all day – they will be wet and you will get cold
- _____ **Jacket** (a normal jacket for the time of year – something to cut the wind)
- _____ **HAT** (with brim for sun or something warm if it is 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**, filled ("Nalgene" Bottles are the most dependable).
- _____ **FLASHLIGHT & EXTRA BATTERIES.**
- _____ **SMALL FIRST AID KIT** (You can make your own: *BSA Handbook*, Page 289).
- _____ **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, Floss, Fast-Drying Camp Towel).
- _____ **TOILET PAPER** (Half a roll in a ZipLoc bag).

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Avoid cotton clothes (like blue jeans and cotton sweatshirts) for outdoor use.

Wish List for Birthdays, Christmas:

___ **100% POLYPROPYLENE LONG UNDERWEAR** (Required for winter campouts and summer deep-woods backpacking trips, but recommended year-around for rainy weather, and for cold nights & mornings in the summer. If buying new, look for 100% Polypropylene, *NOT* the white "waffle pattern" cotton blend sold in boys' departments).

___ **HIKING BOOTS** (Buy 1/2 size larger to fit heavy hiking socks--Make sure your boots are NOT TOO TIGHT!).

___ **HEAVY NON-COTTON HIKING SOCKS & Liners**

___ **COMPASS with a BASE-PLATE**, in a Zip-Lock bag (with map, if you have one).

___ **POCKETKNIFE** (SMALL Swiss Army Knife on neck chain, \$13. Never buy a knife made in China!)

___ *Good quality* **RAIN SUIT** (includes rain pants, about \$40 for a set that will last)

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.