

Camping Equipment Checklist

This list summarizes the minimum equipment necessary for a typical weekend camp-out. Long-term camps (Summer Camp, Winter Camp, High Adventure Treks) are addressed by other lists.

Equipment

- 1 camping backpack
- 1 sleeping bag (0°-20° for winter camping or 20°-40° + a lightweight quilt)
- 1 foam pad (keeps sleeping bag insulated from the cold floor)
- 1 water bottle
- 1 personal eating kit (simply an eating knife, fork, spoon, and one plastic container with a lid)
- 1 toothbrush, small toothpaste, and small wash cloth (No large towel, there are no showers)
- 1 small flashlight or head lamp (LED headlamp works best)
- 1 personal first aid kit (zip loc with bandaids and alcohol pads, very small)

In the backpack (Everything must fit inside and nothing outside)

- 2 underwear and 2 t-shirts (use a dry set every day)
- 3 pairs of socks (use a dry pair every day and a dry pair to sleep)
- 1 sleepwear (sweats, fleece, or thermal underwear is fine; only used to sleep)
- 2 sets of thermal underwear for daily use (aka long johns, use a dry pair each day)
- 1 camping pant (camping specific pant, cargo pant, or denim jeans)
- 1 lightweight sweater, hoody, or fleece.
- 1 poncho or rain jacket. (Must always bring even on dry trips)
- Scout book
- Signed permission slip

***Music devices can only be used in the tent and when it does not disturb other tent mates, no video games, no lighters, and no fireworks.

***Mobile phones must be stored in the tent and only used for emergencies. Bring nothing that you can't afford to lose. Adults all have mobile phones for emergencies.

What to wear on you

Underwear, tshirt, socks, denim or cargo pant, lightweight sweater or hoody, jacket or coat, and hat.

Waterproof hiking sneakers or hiking boots are REQUIRED.

Food shopping and packing

Patrol members should know if they are attending the trip the Wednesday before the trip. Patrol creates a menu and shopping list on the Wednesday before the trip. They go shopping Thursday and buy everything on their list. They split the food up and each member packs the food into their backpack at home. **Note: Parents should not add to the shopping list or allow the scouts to bring any extra sweets to camp. There are bears and raccoons!**

Departure and Arrival

The troop will meet at the Good Shepherd Gym entrance at usually around 6:30pm. Clothing and food inspections occur then. Departure is usually around 7:00pm. We usually arrive back from camp on Sunday at 11:30am.

What each Scout's safety and hygiene plan should be:

Wed: Create menu and shopping list at the Scout meeting.

Thurs: Meet with patrol, purchase food, and split food amongst the patrol.

Fri: Pack up and meet at gym entrance for inspection.

Arrive at camp, setup tents, eat a snack, and prepare for bed.

At bedtime, change into dry underwear and sleepwear including winter hat. DO NOT SLEEP IN CLOTHES YOU WORE THAT DAY.

Sat: Wake up and put on clean set of long johns (or thermal underwear), socks, and clothes.

Follow daily activities

At bedtime, change into dry underwear and sleepwear including winter hat. DO NOT SLEEP IN CLOTHES YOU WORE THAT DAY.

Sun: Wake up and put on clean set of long johns (or thermal underwear), socks, and clothes.

Break down campsite and tents & Go home!
