

Backpacking / Camping Packing List

This is a basic packing list that is suitable for spring, summer and fall hiking or camping. Winter camping requires different equipment.

The troop owns a limited amount of gear, including packs, sleeping bags, mats, etc.

Cooking / Eating

- 3 cup Tupperware container w/ lid
- plastic spoon
- small plastic mug
- large gallon Ziploc bag for garbage
- 2 water bottles (total of 2 pints of water)
- sack lunch or dinner if required
- snacks
- your share of group food or money to pay

Clothes to wear

- hiking boots
- long pants
- underwear
- belt
- jacket or coat
- tee shirt

Clothes to pack

- long pants (extra)
- tennis shoes
- 2 pair socks
- rain jacket and rain pants or poncho
- tee shirt
- long sleeve shirt or sweatshirt for layering
- long underwear bottoms
- underwear
- stocking cap
- gloves

Personal

- watch
- travel size hand sanitizer
- folded sheets of paper towel in Ziploc (holds up much better than toilet paper)
- washcloth
- toothbrush and travel size paste
- necessary medication / prescriptions (advise adult leader)

Campsite, etc.

- backpack (make sure it fits – not too large)
- sleeping bag (not a slumber party bag – too heavy, too absorbent, too cold)
- sleeping pad (lightweight foam is best)
- matches in Ziploc or a lighter
- 1 or 2 fire starters
- 20 feet small diameter nylon rope
- headlamp or flashlight w/ batteries
- 1 set of extra batteries
- personal 1st Aid kit (p. 289 in Scout book)
- compass (Silva type. NOT the kind found on the end of key chain or a military compass. See pages 63 & 73 in Scout book for an example of the proper type)
- small plastic spade (for bathroom use) (usually orange, sold at outdoors stores)
- pocket knife
- large heavyweight garbage bag (must fit over backpack for waterproofing. A leaf bag, not a lightweight kitchen garbage bag)
- scout book in freezer Ziploc (very important)
- notebook and pen in freezer Ziploc
- whistle

Bring if available

- backpacking tent (NOT a large, heavy tent. It will be shared with 1 or more. We will pair up scouts before we go.)
- small ground tarp for under tent (but only if the tent does not have a built-in tarp for the floor)

Leave room for (added before we leave)

- assigned group gear (stove, fuel, pot, etc.)
- your share of group food
- your share of a tent