

## Personal Camping Gear Checklist

Please use the list below as a guideline for what to pack for a short camping trip. If you have any questions or concerns, don't be afraid to ask questions. Scouts are reminded to review chapters 8 Hiking and 9 Camping in their BSA Handbook for more detailed information on preparing for an outing.

- **Personal Medications**
  - All personal medications need to be in their original containers, placed in a labeled ziplock bag, and given to the Scoutmaster or one of the Assistant Scoutmasters on the trip. Medication instructions should also be written on the permission slip for the trip.
- **Hiking Backpack or Duffle bag**
  - You may want to have one smaller lightweight bag for weekend trips throughout the year and use a different, larger, backpack or bag for summer camp.
- **Scout Essentials**
  - Personal first aid kit
  - Refillable Water bottle
  - Flashlight
  - Sunscreen
  - Scout handbook
- **Clothing**
  - **Pay attention to the temperature and weather and pack accordingly. Dress in layers.**
  - Class A Uniform (Wear to and from camping trips)
  - Class B tee-shirt
  - Additional tee-shirt or long sleeve shirt
  - Sweatshirt or sweater or jacket
  - Shorts
  - Long Pants
  - Underwear
  - Socks (Bring extra)
  - Hat
  - Rain gear
  - Hiking boots or sturdy shoes. (You can bring a pair of sneakers to change into around camp if you like, as long as they are closed-toe shoes.)
  - For Winter - long underwear, a winter hat, winter gloves, warm coat.
- **Sleeping gear**
  - Sleeping bag
  - Sleeping pad
- **Eating kit**
  - Mess kit with plate, bowl, cups, utensils
- **Personal Care**
  - Toothbrush

- Toothpaste
- Floss
- Comb
- Soap
- Small towel
- Hand sanitizer
- **Optional Personal Items**
  - Deck of playing cards
  - Book
  - Insect repellent
  - Pencil or Pen
  - Small notebook
  - Compass
  - Pocket knife
    - (Scouts are only allowed to use this if they have earned their Totin Chip. New Scouts have not earned this yet. Totin Chip requirements can be found in the BSA Handbook. Once a Scout understands the requirements, they need to demonstrate that knowledge to an Assistant Scoutmaster or the Scoutmaster in order to earn the Chip.)
    - My point is, please remind your Scout NOT to use their Pocketknife until they know they are allowed to.
  - Merit Badge or Rank advancement specific gear
    - (i.e. If the scout will be working on a specific Merit Badge or Rank Requirement on a camping trip, they may need to bring specific items with them.)
  - Activity-specific gear
    - (i.e. If you're going to DC, bring a camera. If they are going somewhere where there will be an opportunity to go swimming or fishing, bring the appropriate gear. Specifics on individual camping trips and activities will be given during opening announcements at Troop Meetings and in email and permission slips for each trip.)