



Camp Checklist

Boy Scout Troop 18 Personal Camping Gear Checklist

Scout Equipment

- Scout Shirt
- Matches – in a water proof container (old pill containers with labels removed work good)
- Knife (and Totin Chit)
- Boy Scout Handbook (in a plastic, Ziploc bag)
- Water bottle or Canteen (preferably a Nalgene brand bottle)
- Flashlight with extra batteries – preferably a headlamp
- First Aid kit – see BSA Handbook for contents
- Compass
- Watch – cell phones die and you can't plug it in

Bedding

- Sleeping bag - warm at least a 20 degree bag
- Old blanket - to put over sleeping bag for extra insulation (optional)
- Pillow (optional)
- **Ground pad – NOT OPTIONAL**
- Waterproof stuff bag for sleeping bag (garbage bag works fine)

Clothing

The key to a fun camping trip is to stay warm and dry. Bring both light and heavy weight clothing in order to "layer" if the weather is cold. For underwear and socks, bring at least one change per day. If at all possible non cotton clothing. You can go a whole weekend in the same clothes if they are polyester or synthetic! They will dry even if you get wet.

- Underwear - one pair per day, plus one extra for weekend
- Socks – one pair per day and at least one extra if you don't have waterproof boots
- T-shirts
- Long pants at least one pair
- Long sleeve shirt
- Must have a dry change of clothes for bedtime!
- Warm sweater – preferably non cotton fleece
- Waterproof jacket or light jacket and poncho
- Stocking cap or extra warm hat for sleeping – even in warmer weather
- Pair of gloves – depending on conditions
- Hat
- Decent Boots – no need to spend \$100's but a good pair of above the ankle boots – you will not be a happy camper in tennis shoes. If they are not waterproof you should use plastic grocery bags over your socks to keep your feet dry –or bring tons of socks

Other Items

- Back pack, duffel bag for personal gear – you are responsible for carrying your gear!
- Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- Day pack for hikes
- A small roll of toilet paper in a plastic bag!
- Hand soap or Purell
- Deodorant, Comb and/or hairbrush
- Wash cloth & Towel
- Extra Ziploc bags for garbage or wet clothes.
- Download and print a map of the area we are traveling to
- Hot Mug, plate or bowl, Utensils with your name on it, for campsite use (The troop will not provide cups or personal utensils)
- Snacks! – Bring additional stuff to eat – you will be running around and will be hungry – Candy bars are ok – but you need snacks that will sustain your energy such as trail mix or cliff/power bars.
- Please have you son bring a few dollars – there might be a store to buy patches or candy or McD's stop on the way home.
- If you are doing personal cooking – bring your food and have a plan on how you will store it and cook it – don't assume a cooking method will be provided unless you have been told it will for that particular campout. (No we don't have a portable refrigerator)

Optional Gear

- Fire-starting Kit – Dryer lint & flint & steel
- Gore-tex outerwear
- Gaiters
- Hiking stick
- Fishing pole
- Rope 20 to 50 Ft neatly stowed
- Camera
- Playing cards
- Flamethrower!
- Bug spray
- NO VIDEO GAMES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- You may have a cell phone but we don't want to see it and if you do the adult leaders must have your number – camp is not for texting or video games

Special Instructions to Mom or Dad!

Three quarters of scouting is outing! The boys will learn a lot on a weekend campout. We as leaders are there to provide a safe environment where your child can fail and forget stuff and learn to adapt. This does not mean we will provide them with stuff they forgot. They will have to learn to get by without whatever.....

Also please have you boy pack his stuff **himself!** He will learn much faster if he does everything himself – with your guidance of course. It is not acceptable to have a boy say my mom didn't pack it for me – he will go without!

Boys are not always too neat when they unpack in their tents or cabin (sigh).

You can assure dry clothes each day if your son packs his gear and clothes in large Ziploc bags. An extra one or two doesn't hurt. If your son can stay dry, he will stay warm and enjoy the camping trip a whole lot better.