



PACKING LIST FOR SPRING/FALL TENT CAMPOUT



- ___ **BACKPACK or CAMP BOX** (and/or large Sports Equipment Bag and/or Duffel Bag)
- ___ **JACKET or PARKA** (maybe both—depending on the weather; waterproof is ideal)
- ___ **RAIN SUIT or RAIN PONCHO** (Must keep dry at 35 MPH+ to prevent hypothermia.)
- ___ **CLASS A UNIFORM** (ALWAYS wear your Class A en route to any campout.)
- ___ **2 extra CLASS B or BSA T-SHIRTS**
- ___ **1 COTTON-ONLY T-SHIRT for sleeping** (keep in sleeping bag)
- ___ **1 WOOL SWEATER or POLARTEC SHIRT**
- ___ **1 LONG-SLEEVED T-SHIRT**
- ___ **1 pair of SHORTS**
- ___ **1 - 2 extra PAIR OF PANTS**
- ___ **1 set of MOISTURE-WICKING, LONG UNDERWEAR**
- ___ **2 extra sets of UNDERWEAR** (boxer-type helps prevent rashes)
- ___ **2 extra pair HEAVY, NON-COTTON HIKING SOCKS and LINERS** (moisture wicking helps)
- ___ **STURDY, WATERPROOF BOOTS** (for rain and mud)
- ___ **PLASTIC BAGS** (newspapers, bread wrappers or plastic grocery bags to go under socks in case of wet leather boots)
- ___ **1 pair TENNIS or LIGHT-WEIGHT SHOES** (No open-toed shoes allowed on campouts.)
- ___ **GLOVES or MITTENS** (If weather will be below 45° F; also, waterproof is best.)
- ___ **HAT** (breathable; wide-rimmed protects ears from sunburn)
- ___ **STOCKING HAT** (for sleeping only, designed to stay on at night)
- ___ **WINTER SLEEPING BAG** (rated for 5 - 10° warmer than the expected temperatures)
- ___ **SWEAT PANTS and SHIRT for sleeping** (Accumulating moisture in your clothes will make you feel cold. Change into ALL fresh clothing to keep you warm in your sleeping bag.)
- ___ **FOAM SLEEPING PAD** (or about 2-3" of newspapers under your sleeping bag).
- ___ **MESS-KIT (Bowl, Cup, Fork, Spoon, Plate** -- heavy-duty plastic is warmer than metal).
- ___ **2 pre-filled, one-quart WATER BOTTLES** ("Nalgene" Bottles can be filled with hot water for inside sleeping bag.)
- ___ **FLASHLIGHT with EXTRA BATTERIES and BULB**
- ___ **SMALL FIRST AID KIT** (You can make your own: BSA Handbook, Page 289.)

- _____ **PEN, PENCIL, SMALL NOTEBOOK, BSA HANDBOOK** (No, you can't borrow ours.)
- _____ **CLEAN-UP KIT** (Small Hand Soap, Hand Sanitizer, Small Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Comb, Floss, Fast-Drying Camp Towel)
- _____ **SUNSCREEN, LIP BALM, INSECT REPELLANT** (non-aerosol, as aerosol damages tents)
- _____ **GOLD BOND or HYDRO-CORTIZONE for rashes**
- _____ **TOILET PAPER** (Half a roll in a Zip-Lock bag)
- _____ (opt) **CAMERA/FILM**
- _____ **TRIPOD CAMP STOOL**
- _____ **1 large TRASH BAG** (Can keep items dry or be used to haul wet items home.)

What NOT to bring:

- **ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT** (Cell phones, iPods, Game devices may ONLY be used when traveling to and from the campout.)
- **PERSONAL FOOD/DRINK** (You are limited to what your patrol selects to have at the campouts. Be advised that bringing your own stash of food attracts animals that you do NOT want in your tent. It HAS happened to scouts, so DON'T do it!)
- **LAWN CHAIR** (Only adults and/or eagle scouts are allowed to bring lawn chairs on weekend campouts. Bring a camp stool instead.)

Packing Tips:

- Mark all items (including shoes) with a Sharpie; include name and troop number. Items do get mixed up in the tents and left around the campsite.
- Pack items in multiple, large Zip-Loc bags; write name on bags. This keeps items dry and also helps keep your scout organized. Rolling clothes tightly and squeezing all air out of bags before packing saves room.
- Clip flashlight and water bottle to carabiner at departure. Often we have to set up camp in the dark.
- Pack or load your backpack/camp box in reverse order of when you will need the items. Rain gear and jacket should be on top.
- Bring a small roll of duct tape. It fixes almost anything from equipment to preventing blisters on your feet.
- If you don't have a cold weather sleeping bag, take two "regular" sleeping bags and stuff one inside the other. Also, you can use a regular bag along with 2-3 blankets.