

RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT FOR WINTER CAMPOUTS

Check List

- _____ SNOW PANTS (preferred) to wear to campout, or "Zip-Off" Pants with **non-cotton** "Polar Fleece" Sweat Pants under.
- _____ BACKPACK (and/or large Sports Equipment Bag, and/or Duffel Bag) Line your Pack with a plastic lawn bag first, to keep contents dry. Or, you can pack cloths in large zip lock plastic bags.
- _____ 100% POLYPROPYLENE LONG UNDERWEAR (wear to campout): Tops (wear directly against skin), and Bottoms.
- _____ 2 pair BRIEFS or BOXERS (if desired) **No Cotton!**
- _____ 2 LONG SLEEVE SHIRTS - (Wool or synthetic fiber for good insulating quality and quick drying) **No Cotton!**
- _____ 2 HEAVY WOOL SWEATERS, or POLAR FLEECE SWEATSHIRTS - **No Cotton!**
- _____ 1 extra pair SNOW PANTS - Nylon Cargo Pants or Nylon Shell Pants **No Cotton!**
- _____ 2-3 pair POLYPRO INNER SOCK LINERS, No Cotton! (Prevent blisters and keep your feet cool in the summer)
- _____ 3 pair HEAVY-DUTY SYNTHETIC or WOOL HIKING SOCKS, **No Cotton!** (For year-around use. Make sure boots are NOT TIGHT!)
- _____ STURDY, INSULATED, NON-LEATHER WINTER BOOTS (Rubber is much better than leather. Leather will likely freeze at night)
- _____ PLASTIC BAGS (to go under socks in case of wet boots - newspaper "rain" wrappers, bread wrappers, or regular plastic grocery bags)
- _____ WINTER GLOVES or MITTENS (As many as you own and can borrow!)
- _____ PLASTIC or RUBBER GLOVES (food handling, examination, or dish washing gloves - to go under regular gloves if they all get wet).
- _____ WARM JACKET, SCARF - **No Cotton!**
- _____ 2 WARM HATS (One for Sleeping) Sleeping hat should be designed to stay on at night. **No Cotton!**
- _____ SNEAKERS, SHOES, MOCCASINS, for cabin use only!
- _____ WINTER SLEEPING BAG (or 2 Summer Sleeping Bags stuffed one inside the other; or Summer Sleeping Bag AND three (3) extra Blankets
- _____ ADDITIONAL SWEAT PANTS & SWEAT SHIRT (for sleeping only! Change all your clothes inside your sleeping bag when you go to bed)
- _____ TWO CLOSED-CELL FOAM SLEEPING PADS ("Camp Pad," Not air mattresses)
- _____ A few additional LARGE heavy-duty Clear plastic LAWN BAGS (Important! To keep your stuff dry in Emergencies!)
- _____ BOY SCOUT HANDBOOK - in a Zip-Lock bag.
- _____ GOOD QUALITY WHISTLE on neck chain (Do NOT buy a cheap Whistle)
- _____ A good Quality POCKETKNIFE (a SMALL Swiss Army Knife)
- _____ MESS-KIT (BOWL, CUP, FORK, SPOON, PLATE -- heavy-duty plastic or metal)
- _____ 2 ONE-QUART WATER BOTTLES, filled (Wide-Mouth "Nalgene" Bottles can be filled with hot water for inside sleeping bag at night)
- _____ FLASHLIGHT, & EXTRA BATTERIES (Can be any style, but a headlamp is best. Headlamps enable use of both hands)
- _____ PERSONAL FIRST AID KIT (All scouts are required to make their own: See BSA Handbook).
- _____ SCOUT ESSENTIALS (See BSA handbook)
- _____ PEN, PENCIL & PAPER, SMALL NOTEBOOK
- _____ 50 FEET NYLON PARACHUTE CORD
- _____ COMPASS with a BASE PLATE, in a Zip-Lock bag (with map of the area you will be camping in, if you have one)
- _____ MATCHES, LIGHTERS, in a Zip-Lock bag. (and/or "HOT SPARK" -- at Scout Shop)
- _____ PERSONAL CLEAN-UP KIT (Small Hand Soap, Small Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Comb, Floss, Fast-Drying Camp Towel)
- _____ TOILET PAPER (Half a roll in a Zip-Lock bag).
- _____ PRESCRIPTION MEDICINES – Let leader know what you have.
- _____ Good Attitude to have fun!

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- _____ SMALL DOME TENT (Caution: outer Rain Cover should come all the way down to the ground—about \$50)
- _____ SIX (6) or more 2-GALLON HEAVY-DUTY ZIP-LOCK BAGS (To keep your clothes and gear organized and dry.)
- _____ REPAIR KIT (Small Duct Tape, Needle & Thread, Safety Pins, Batteries, Extra Buckles & Straps, Parts for your Equipment.)
- _____ SUN GLASSES (UV-Proof required for winter camping -- prevents snow blindness).
- _____ OLD WORK GLOVES (For working with trees & tools, and hot pots & pans)
- _____ OPTIONAL EXTRA SET OF DRY CLOTHES TO LEAVE IN CAR (In an extra bag)
- _____ CAMERA – film and batteries
- _____ BANDANNAS (A million uses)
- _____ COMPRESSION STUFF SACKS (Reduces size of sleeping bag or other bulky things -- Can be home-made)
- _____ FISHING OR BACKPACKING VEST (Best way to be sure that you always have your 10 Essentials and Survival Gear with you.)
- _____ SMALL LIGHTWEIGHT GAS STOVE (Gasoline, not propane, not butane—see BSA Handbook, page 253)
- _____ EXTRA BAG FOR HEAVY ACCESSORIES (May be left in car) Camera & Film, Magnifying Glass, Nature Identification Books, Binoculars, Duct Tape, Prayer Book or Bible, More Extra Batteries, etc.
- _____ GAMES - Cards, small travel games (chess, checkers, cribbage, etc)
- _____ WATERPROOF "BLUE" TARP -- 5'X7' (For Ground Sheet)
- _____ BINOCULARS
- _____ BIRD and PLANT Identifying booklets