

# WHAT TO BRING TO SUMMER CAMP

This is not meant to be a complete list, just a help for getting ready.  
Each scout must pack his own belongings.

Bring (1) a duffle bag or a backpack or a trunk to pack in and (2) a sleeping bag, a sheet and pad. The sheet is for the nights that are too hot to get in the sleeping bag.

All clothing and possessions must be marked with the scout's name and "Troop 456" or "T 456" using a laundry or permanent marker. Mark small and in a place on the clothing not easily seen when wearing. Try to pack in a zippered bag such as a larger sports bag or duffle bag. Some scouts have discovered the luxury of using a trunk or lock box. You should choose the bag or whatever that is the most waterproof. Always put smaller items in separate "zip lock" bags or other "stuff sacks" and then put these smaller bags in your pack or duffle bag. This aids the scout in keeping his stuff neat and dry! You should include a dirty clothes bag.

- \_\_\_ All extra fees to scoutmaster. (for example horsemanship MB or motorboating MB fees)
- \_\_\_ Spending money for fees and souvenirs. The trading post is open daily. The scout will want or need MB books, t-shirt, candy, slushies, soda, patches, ...
- \_\_\_ Completed medical form (Class 1 & 2 BSA medical form, signed, dated for current year, shot record, doctor's signature) (Usually collected by the Troop)
- \_\_\_ Combination lock for trunk (keep combination so they can call you and get it. Don't use a key lock.)

## \_\_\_ Scout Outdoor Essentials

- \_\_\_ Scout Pocketknife on string
- \_\_\_ Personal First Aid Kit
- \_\_\_ Rain Gear - poncho, jacket with hood, hat, ...
- \_\_\_ Canteen or unbreakable, leakproof water bottle.
- \_\_\_ Flashlight with fresh batteries (AA size are the most convenient)
- \_\_\_ Spare bulb and batteries or a backup flashlight (essential on a long camp)  
(batteries go fast at summer camp)
- \_\_\_ Matches in a waterproof container
- \_\_\_ Firestarters (less important for summer camp, but someone may need them)
- \_\_\_ Sun protection!!!
- \_\_\_ Insect Repellent (must work on ticks) in a non- aerosol spray. Buy the pump version or cream. Should be unscented to avoid drawing animals to the smell.
- \_\_\_ Boots (don't forget to waterproof them)
- \_\_\_ Shoes (tennis shoes, one old pair to get wet and yucky, no open toed sandals)
- \_\_\_ Watch (strongly recommended)
- \_\_\_ Sunglasses
- \_\_\_ Notebook and pen(s) or pencil(s) (absolutely essential)
- \_\_\_ Boy Scout Handbook (absolutely essential, buy a new one if you lost the old)
- \_\_\_ Merit Badge books if taking merit badges at camp
- \_\_\_ One-fourth roll toilet paper in a zip lock bag. (probably unnecessary, but who knows)

## \_\_\_ Sleeping stuff

- \_\_\_ Sleeping bag with top sheet
- \_\_\_ Closed-cell foam pad for under sleeping bag
- \_\_\_ Plastic ground cloth for under foam pad (approx. 3'x6')
- \_\_\_ Pillow

**\_\_\_ Cleanup kit - it should contain:**

- 2 towels, wash cloth (dark in color- doesn't show dirt as fast)
- Nearly used-up bar of non-perfumed bio-degradable soap in a soap container or plastic bag.  
(Liquid camp suds is the best.)
- Toothbrush in a tooth brush holder,
- Toothpaste (sample size)
- Floss (makes a good emergency repair string too).
- Comb

**\_\_\_ First Aid kit (packed in its own bag and ready for inspection)**

- Moleskin for blisters
- A few adhesive bandages (band aids)
- Very small roll of adhesive tape
- Several gauze pads (2-1/2 or 3 inches)
- Couple quarters for emergency phone calls
- Tylenol or cold medicine (need parent permission, needs to be given to Scoutmaster)
- Prescription medicines (and note to Scoutmaster from parents)
- Antibiotic/Antifungal cream such as Neosporin in disposable packets

**\_\_\_ Eating kit or mess kit (everything must be boilable)**

- Spoon, fork, knife
- Plate
- Bowl
- Mug ( a second cup is handy too, remember to put your name on it)

**\_\_\_ Scout uniform(s)**

- Scout hat with brim for shade
- Scout belt
- 1-2 uniform shirts, with correct patch placement
- 1 pair scout long pants (optional in summer of course)
- 1-2 pair scout shorts
- 1-2 pair scout socks
- Green Troop One T-shirts (bring grey ones too if you have them)
- Troop One sweatshirt (if owned)

**\_\_\_ Other clothing (adjust list for warm or cold) See lists in Scout Handbook.**

- Enough other T-shirts for the week.  
(none advertising non-scout like things, e.g., no "beer/tobacco" companies shirts.)
- Short sleeved shirt if desired
- 6 changes of underwear
- Extra Shorts (must be solid and as similar to scout shorts as possible.)
- 2 long pants (counting uniform) (some activities require long pants, e.g. horse riding)
- Warm jacket (summer weight for cool evenings if we have any)
- Work gloves for working around fire or doing a service project
- 6 pair socks (including uniform)
- Swimming trunks (Don't forget a towel!)
- Boat shoes (optional, not great for walking on the rocky roads and trails)

**ABSOLUTELY -**

**NO radios, walkie talkies, game boys, other electronic gadgets.**

**NO valuables**