



### 3 Season Camping Gear

Adventure is a big part of Scouting. Scouts should plan and be prepared for safe and fun adventure whenever heading outside. Preparation is very important. Let your scout pack and be responsible for their own gear. It is better to have too little than too much. There is no better learning experience than an unprepared scout.

Invest in a good equipment. During the next six years your scout will attend 30 campouts, 2 weekly scout camps, 4 high adventures and backpack roughly 100 miles. Be aware new scouts tend to lose and break things, especially small items. Do not spend a lot on gear, consult with scout leaders before making large purchases. Craigslist, REI garage sales, Sierra Trading Post and thrift stores are places to find quality gear at a discount. Birthdays and Christmas are good opportunities to give a scout camping gear.

**Backpack.** Our goal is to teach boys responsibility and preparedness. We stress packing all gear into one backpack. A simple 40L-55L (2500-3300) backpack will work.

**Clothing.** Hiking and camping clothing should be durable and lightweight. Be aware of the weather conditions and have your scout dress appropriately. Even in the summer it is not a good idea to camp in shorts.

**Meals.** When camping/backpacking scouts are typically responsible for their own food. Scouts are not required to have their own stove but many do.

**Pack List.** Developing a pack list is a philosophical exercise and each family have their own ideas about an acceptable pack list – consider this a starting point.

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| <b>Gear</b>       | <input type="checkbox"/> Backpack   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Bag  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Pad (optional)   |
| <b>Clothing</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Socks  | <input type="checkbox"/> Jacket/Light Coat   | <input type="checkbox"/> Cap/Hat/Beanie  |
| <b>Cooking</b>    | <input type="checkbox"/> Cook Pot<br><input type="checkbox"/> Cup/Mug                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Utensils<br><input type="checkbox"/> Water Bottle   | <input type="checkbox"/> Stove/Fuel (optional)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Food  |
| <b>Toiletries</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet Paper   | <input type="checkbox"/> Hand Sanitizer  | <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush/paste  |
| <b>Equipment</b>  | <input type="checkbox"/> Knife<br><input type="checkbox"/> Compass<br><input type="checkbox"/> Shelter/Tarp | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Starter<br><input type="checkbox"/> Bandana<br><input type="checkbox"/> Paracord 50' | <input type="checkbox"/> Watch<br><input type="checkbox"/> Small First Aid Kit<br><input type="checkbox"/> Headlamp/Flashlight |

**Prohibited Items.** Cell phones (Scoutmaster will confiscate them), electronic gear, radios, iPods, anything in glass, aerosol sprays (deodorants), anything expensive (watches, jewelry, or 'heirloom' knives), soft drinks in cans or bottles.

**Resources.** For more information contact your Senior Patrol Leader.