

Cool/Cold Weather

Packing for a camping trip can be an overwhelming task. Over-packing for camp is a common error, especially for first-year campers. But you also have to make sure you pack everything you will need. These packing lists will apply for most camping trips, however, some trips (such as canoe trips, cycling trips, caving trips, etc.) will have special packing requirements, so you should always attend the troop meetings before each trip when the details for the trip are discussed.

Please stick to the equipment and clothing on the list. We recommend that you permanently mark your name (or initials) and troop number on all your equipment items, especially for summer camp camporees. Follow these packing lists and maybe you can avoid that, ““Oh, no, I forgot”” scenario.

THINGS NOT TO BRING ON CAMPING TRIPS

- ✘ Clothing with words and/or symbols not consistent with scouting principles
- ✘ Televisions, stereos/radios/cassette/CD players (boom boxes, pagers, electronic games, and other electronic devices)
- ✘ Aerosol spray cans of any kind (including deodorant, insect repellent, hair spray, paint, etc.)
- ✘ Hunting and sheath knives
- ✘ Sling shots and other weapons
- ✘ Lighters
- ✘ Candles and candle lanterns
- ✘ Heaters
- ✘ Gasoline, kerosene, and other liquid fuels
- ✘ Fireworks
- ✘ Guns and ammunition
- ✘ Paintball guns
- ✘ Bows and arrows
- ✘ Cigarettes, snuff, and other tobacco products
- ✘ Beer and other alcoholic beverages
- ✘ Illegal drugs and controlled substances
- ✘ See our troop policy on cell phone use

WE WILL BE OUTSIDE ALL THREE DAYS. THERE ARE NO INSIDE FACILITIES UNLESS THERE IS AN EMERGENCY.

Temperature will be warm to cold. At night the temperature can drop to the mid-thirties, so plan accordingly. The secret to staying warm is to dress in layers and to shed layers with increased temperature and activity. Remember that you can always shed layers if you get too warm but you can't add layers if you don't bring them.

TRAVEL

Troop 36 travels to and from ALL trips in full Class A uniform. Except in certain special circumstances, scouts are not expected to wear their class A uniform once we arrive at camp.

CLOTHING

- Sneakers should be OK for most weekends, but they can get muddy. Hiking shoes or boots are preferred
- Long-sleeved shirt and/or sweatshirt
- Blue jeans or other long pants
- Sweat suit for sleeping
- Swim trunks (if swimming is planned)

Daily change of clothes:

- Short-sleeved shirts, T-shirts, etc...
- Shorts (in warmer weather)
- Socks (twice as many if wet weather)
- Underwear

OUTERWEAR

- Jacket and/or sweater
- Hooded sweatshirt
- Poncho or raincoat and rain hat
- Knit cap for sleeping

PERSONAL ITEMS

- Pocketknife – *NO sheath knives*
- Totin' Chip card
- Canteen or water bottle (with water)
- Hand soap in container
- Small towel
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant (*NON-AEROSOL*)
- Comb and/or brush
- Medication (if required)

EATING

On other than backpacking trips, the troop will provide pots, pans, stoves, dishes, cooking utensils, and eating utensils.

Troop 36 uses the Patrol Method for camping. At the meeting prior to the campout, the patrols will plan their menus and designate one member of the patrol to buy all of the food for the trip. When the troop gathers on Friday to depart for the trip, the patrol members will reimburse the patrol member for the food expenses. Expenses generally range from \$9 to \$11.

BEDDING

It's what you sleep on, not under, that keeps you warm

- Sleeping bag (Remember, the temperature can drop as low as the mid 30's this time of year).
- Sleeping pad (3/8 or 1/2 inch thick pad of closed cell foam. It should not absorb water. It should be hard to compress between your fingers.
- Small pillow or air pillow
- Blanket(s) and/or space blanket

CAMPING GEAR

Tents are provided by the troop

- Flashlight (be sure to check the batteries)
- Sunscreen
- Lip balm
- Insect repellent (*NON-AEROSOL*)
- Boy Scout Handbook*
- Backpack or duffel bag to carry everything in

OPTIONAL ITEMS

- Personal First Aid Kit
- Metal or plastic mirror
- Compass
- Folding camp chair
- Toilet paper
- Camera
- Hat or cap
- Sneakers or other shoes for wear in camp if boots are worn
- Sunglasses
- Watch