

The “low end” price is about the lowest price you can expect to pay by careful shopping for something that will do the job and last more than one or two camps.

The “high end” is the price that’s justified for something that you intend to use many times. Remember two things:

- In most cases you do get what you pay for.
- Most of us don’t need to have the best and most expensive things right now, especially while the scout is still growing.

Basic Items

Item	Low end price	High end price
Hiking boots, waterproofed	30	100+
Small tent w/rain fly (1 or 2-person, nothing larger)	30	100+
Ground cloth (tarp) for under tent	0	10
Sleeping bag (20 degree) w/waterproof stuff sack	40	100+
Foam sleeping pad or insulated sleeping pad (good for colder weather)	15	50
Water bottle (Nalgene) w/strap	0	10
Knife, fork, spoon	5	20
Mess kit (plate, bowl, cup)	5	20
Small flashlight	3	25
Poncho (raingear)	2	40
Personal first aid kit		
21 st Century Scout uniform (“Class A”)—obtain neckerchief from troop		
Troop 36 t-shirt (“Class B”)—obtain from troop	10	
Personal toiletry kit		
Scout Handbook (protective cover optional)		
Day pack (about the size of a school bookbag)	20	40
Sunglasses		
Waterproofing compound for boots & tent		

The troop has some dress uniform items that have been donated. If you'd like to check them for fit and condition, please contact one of the leaders. Also, we encourage families to continue donating outgrown uniform parts for this purpose.

Essentials for Winter Camping

Item	Low end price	High end price
Wool cap	5	?
Thermal underwear	10	60+
Gloves (mittens are warmer; gloves are less restrictive)	5	50

Things to Get Later

Item	Low end price	High end price
Pocket knife or multi-tool	10/30	20/100+
Compass, baseplate (not the lensatic type)	70	15+
Backpack (sized to fit your child now and expandable for use in years to come)	50	250
Folding chair	10	30
Troop hoodie	25	

Regarding the "personal first aid kit," it should contain only the things a boy might need for the minor things that can happen to any of us. The Scout Handbook has suggestions for what should be in it, and the older Scouts will provide lots of guidance based on their experience. We do require that all injuries be reported to the adults. Among the adults there are adequate numbers of trained people to care for anything bigger.

The "personal toiletry kit" should always include soap, a small towel, a toothbrush, and toothpaste, even for a weekend. For longer trips, or different seasons, more things might be needed; again, the older Scouts will provide lots of guidance based on their experience.

Regarding the pocket knife, it should have a main blade no more than 3 inches long and a few other tools. The troop will follow BSA procedures for training the boys in the safe use and proper care of this and other cutting tools so they can earn the "Totin' Chip." This is more extensive than the Cub Scout "Whittlin' Chip," so the Cub Scout card does not apply to Boy Scout activities. He will not be allowed to carry the knife until he has been trained to use it; that's usually during summer camp in his first year in the troop. Your son should not have a pocket knife at any Boy Scout activity until he has earned the "Totin' Chip."