

## 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 duffel 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 should be marked with the scout's name and "Troop 344" or "T 344" 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 duffel 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 duffel 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 leatherwork MB or woodcarving MB fees)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Spending money for fees and souvenirs. The trading post is open daily. The scout will want or need MBbooks, t-shirt, candy, pop, patches, ...
- \_\_\_\_\_ Completed medical form

### Scout Outdoor Essentials

- \_\_\_\_\_ Pocketknife
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Watch (strongly recommended)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sunglasses (optional)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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

### Sleeping stuff

- \_\_\_\_\_ Sleeping bag with top sheet
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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 biodegradable soap in a soap container or plastic bag.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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)
- Tylenol or cold medicine if the parent allows self-medication
- Prescription medicines (and note to Scoutmaster from parents)

Eating kit or mess kit (everything must be boilable) Only essential if taking cooking Merit Badge.

- 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

Other clothing (adjust list for warm or cold) See page 52 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
- 2 long pants (some activities may require long pants)
- 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

**ABSOLUTELY -**

- NO radios, walkie talkies, game boys, other electronic gadgets.
- NO valuables