

Your First Outdoor Campout

Note: For your first campout, just bring as much of the following equipment as you already own or can borrow. You will need a sleeping bag and a closed-cell foam camp sleeping mat right away, but try not to buy any other new equipment until you have been on a couple campouts and had a chance to talk to your Scoutmaster about what to buy.

- **BACKPACK** (and/or large Sports Equipment Bag, and/or Duffel Bag). Line it with a lawn bag first, to keep contents dry
- **SLEEPING BAG**
- **CLOSED-CELL FOAM CAMP SLEEPING PAD** (or an air mattress)
- **RAINCOAT** (If buying new, see "Wish List," below)
- **WARM JACKET** (for night)
- **EXTRA PAIR PANTS** (non-cotton, if possible -- check the tags for polyester, nylon, or other synthetics)
- **WOOL SWEATER**, or **POLYESTER SWEATSHIRT**
- **LONG SLEEVE SHIRT** (Wool or synthetic fiber for insulating quality/quick drying-\$3 at thrift stores)
- **SHORT SLEEVE SHIRT**
- **UNDERWEAR**
- **WARM HAT** (to wear at night when you sleep)
- **GOOD QUALITY WHISTLE** on neck chain
- **MESS-KIT (BOWL, CUP, FORK, SPOON, PLATE** -- (plastic keeps food warmer than metal)
- **2 ONE-QUART WATER BOTTLES** or a **CANTEEN**, filled ("Nalgene" Bottles are the most dependable)
- **FLASHLIGHT & EXTRA BATTERIES**
- **SMALL FIRST AID KIT** (You can make your own: *BSA Handbook*, Page 289)
- **PEN & POCKET NOTEPAD**
- **CLEAN-UP KIT** (Small Hand Soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Comb, Floss, Fast-Drying Camp Towel)
- **TOILET PAPER** (Half a roll in a Zip-Lock bag).

Always pack for one season *COLDER* than now!

Wish List: Ideas for Birthdays & Christmas:

- **100% POLYPROPYLENE LONG UNDERWEAR** (Required on winter campouts and summer deep-woods backpacking trips, but recommended year-around for rainy weather, and for cold nights & mornings in the summer. If buying new, look for 100% Polypropylene, *NOT* the white "waffle pattern" cotton blend).
- **OFFICIAL SCOUT SHIRT**
- **TROOP ACTIVITY PANTS**
- **HIKING BOOTS** (Buy 1/2 size larger to fit heavy hiking socks--Make sure your boots are NOT TOO TIGHT!).
- **HEAVY NON-COTTON HIKING SOCKS & Liners**
- **COMPASS with a BASE-PLATE**, in a Zip-Lock bag (with map, if you have one).
- **RAIN SUIT** (includes rain pants, about \$40)
- **POCKETKNIFE** (SMALL Swiss Army Knife on neck chain. Never buy a knife made in China!)
- **"BLUE" 5'X7' TARP** (or other Plastic Ground Sheet to keep your sleeping bag dry).
- **SMALL"3 MAN" DOME TENT** (When buying new, the outer Rain Cover should come *all the way down to the ground*. Costs about \$50 on sale)

List taken from http://www.inquiry.net/outdoor/equipment/1st_spr-fall.htm and <http://inquiry.net/outdoor/equipment>