

What to Bring to Camp

Camping- What to bring

Cub and Scout camps can be as short as overnight or as long as a week. They may be in sheltered cabins with electricity and heat, or, for older Scouts, on a small island in Haliburton or in the woods of Tobermory. We've even spent a week in the woods of Quebec!

So, it is vital that the essentials that are packed for a Cub or Scout on an overnight or longer camp are the right ones and of the appropriate quality. For youth to enjoy and learn from the camping experience and from the programs they need to be comfortable, warm when it's cold and protected when it's hot. A leader will be happy to advise you on the type of gear that should be brought.

Fall and Spring Camps will usually be considered "Cold" weather at least when it comes to sleeping bags. Parents should use judgment when considering the upcoming weather. A warm sleeping bag, for instance, can be opened to stay cooler while a thin, inadequate one will not keep your youth warm in cool weather.

"Warm weather camps" means camps which are not winter camps. Use your best judgment when deciding which sleeping bag and clothing to bring.

Here are the most common items needed for camps:

WINTER CAMP - what should I bring?

Suggested Winter Camp list of gear to bring:

First thing to know: MARK everything with your name!

Warm sleeping bag: (A cheap summer sleeping bag just isn't going to do the job!) Often a separate liner, preferably fleece, will help keep you warm.

Underpad: underpads insulate you from the cold earth! Ask a leader for recommendations or call an outfitter or camping supply store.

Pillow

2-piece rain gear. We can't emphasise the importance of a good rain set enough! Quality rain pants and a rain jacket that allows some venting of body heat and moisture will mean a much more enjoyable camp. We don't always need it, but be sure to bring it anyway!

Extra, warm socks and mitts: Keeping dry is the key to staying comfortable, even if it's wet and cold around you. Bringing extra socks means you can help keep your feet warm and dry – IF you actually change your socks! Take a minute to do that and you'll keep your feet happy!

Outdoor boots or shoes: Again, keeping your feet dry will help make sure you enjoy the camp.

Long johns/ extra underwear. Do we have to say it again? Stay dry with extra, warm clothing and you will enjoy yourself.

Sweatshirt

Compass

2 T-shirts and 2 pairs of long pants

Toiletries :Toothbrush/toothpaste/Kleenex/lip balm/face cloth and small towel. Include sunscreen and sunglasses. Yes, even in the winter!

Flashlight with extra batteries

Mess Kit with mesh dunking bag: Includes NON-breakable mug, plate, bowl, utensils.

Water bottle, leak proof. Stainless steel or plastic certified "BPA"-free.

Scout Handbook (Is your name inside?)

Health Card

Knife and fire permit(s) if you have them.

SUMMER CAMP - What should I bring?

Suggested * Warm Weather Camp list of gear to bring:

First thing to know: MARK everything with your name!

Sleeping bag appropriate for the weather: Don't forget, even summer nights can get cold! It's easy to undo part of the bag to cool off if necessary. Often a separate liner, preferably fleece, will help keep you warm.

Underpad: underpads insulate you from the cold earth! Ask a leader for recommendations or call an outfitter store. Check the camping links on the website.

Pillow

2-piece rain gear. We can't emphasize the importance of a good rain set enough! Quality rain pants and a rain jacket that allows some venting of body heat and moisture will mean a much more enjoyable camp. We don't always need it, but be sure to bring it anyway!

Extra socks: Keeping dry is the key to staying comfortable, even if it's raining around you. Bringing extra socks means you can help keep your feet warm and dry – IF you actually change your socks! Take a minute to do that and you'll keep your feet happy!

Outdoor boots or shoes: Again, keeping your feet dry will help make sure you enjoy the camp.

Extra underwear. Do we have to say it again? Stay dry with extra clothing and you will enjoy yourself.

Sweatshirt

Compass

2 T-shirts and 2 pairs of long pants

Toiletries: Toothbrush/toothpaste/Kleenex/lip balm/ sunscreen.

Flashlight with extra batteries

Mess Kit with mesh dunking bag: Includes NON-breakable mug, plate, bowl, utensils, water bottle. (Biphényl-A -free plastic bottle or stainless steel bottle; be sure your name is on it.)

Scout Handbook (Is your name inside?)

Health Card

Knife and fire permit(s) if you have them.

OPTIONAL: Playing cards Emergency Kit

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