

What to bring to camp

Scouts need to bring personal gear to summer camp. Clearly mark all of your clothing and equipment with your name, Troop number and telephone number. Everything should be packed in a duffel bag or soft backpack. ***Please note: An official boy scout Class A uniform and BSA Handbook are required for summer camp.***

Scouts & leaders must be in Class A uniform when the Troop departs for summer camp.

Scout Uniform Shirt and neckerchief Shorts and belt Socks Hat BSA Handbook	Additional Clothing Scout T-shirts Long pants (or jeans) - <u>required</u> Shorts Sweatshirt or jacket Swimming trunks Hiking shoes or boots Sneakers Rain gear (poncho, etc) Socks – required each day Underwear
Camping gear Sleeping bag with a ground pad or a sealed foam pad or thermarest pad Water bottle or canteen (1qt size) Reusable cup Reusable plate, knife, fork and spoon Flashlight, spare batteries and spare bulb	Other suggested items Notebook and pencils or pen Stationery and stamps Camera and film Money for souvenirs and snacks Pocket knife (but may be used only after earning the Totin' Chip card) Note: The following types of knives are NOT ALLOWED AT ANY TIME: sheath knives, fish cleaning knives, switchblades, fixed-blade knives They will be confiscated by the leaders and returned directly to parents.
Personal care items Soap in carrier Towel for swimming Towel & washcloth for bathing Toothbrush and toothpaste Shampoo Comb or brush Tissues Sun block Insect repellent	

What to leave at home

Do not bring personal electronics including walkmen, boom boxes, radios, televisions, game boys, game cube, laptops, etc. to camp. Also, please do not bring fantasy games such as Dungeons'n'Dragons. The leaders will confiscate them if they are found at camp.

The following are also prohibited: flammable materials including candles, lanterns, lighters, fireworks etc.; devices that propel objects into the air; and any other products or

materials that might be considered harmful, unsafe or dangerous. Some suggestions on selecting camping gear

Packs –Start with an inexpensive, water-resistant duffel bag or soft pack. As your son learns more about outdoor activities and develops his interest in hiking and backpacking, you might consider a frame pack. However, for summer camp and most troop weekends, a duffel (athletic bag) or soft pack is preferred. Please do not bring footlockers or luggage.

Hiking Shoes or Boots - We recommend these for each scout, but there is no need to purchase expensive or upscale equipment. Size and fit are the most important factors. A full size bigger than usual shoe size will allow for two sets of socks to be worn on hikes. For hiking, you will need polypropylene or cotton sock liners under wool socks. This is very important for comfort and to avoid blisters.

Poncho - Better than a raincoat; and can double as a ground cloth if needed.

Mess kit - Each scout **must** have a reusable cup, plate, knife, fork and spoon as well as a water bottle or canteen. A mesh bag is also useful for storage.

Sleeping bag and waterproof ground pad - A general-purpose sleeping bag is sufficient for most camping activities. Mummy-style bags with nylon shells are usually preferred by the boys because they are smaller and lighter. In addition, a sealed foam pad or a thermarest pad is essential, as it will make sleeping more comfortable and is a necessity for tent camping.

Notebook and Pencil - A pocket-sized notebook and pencil to take notes is essential at troop meetings, weekend activities and summer camp.

Scout Knife - The traditional BSA or Cub Scout folding knife is appropriate and useful once your son has earned his Totin' Chip card. The following types of knives are NOT ALLOWED AT ANY TIME: sheath knives, fish cleaning knives and switchblades; they will be confiscated by the leaders and returned directly to parents.

Troop 22 T-shirts are available from the Troop Committee. They will be on sale during upcoming troop meetings. The cost is \$7.00 each.

As a general rule, keep it simple. Too much gear just gets in the way.

One final note, please: Zero tolerance policy.

Council and Troop 22 have a zero-tolerance policy regarding the possession or use of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances of any kind on camp property. Violators will be asked to leave and may be subject to further discipline. Appropriate authorities will be informed if deemed necessary. For scouts, this policy includes tobacco products.