

BSA Troop 407, Novi, Michigan

What to bring to Summer Camp

Many people have asked for a list of suggested items for Scouts to bring to summer camp. Here is a list compiled from suggestions offered by various Scouts who have "been there and done that!"

Please remember that the Scout should pack his own gear at home. Parents should *not* do it for him - he will never learn how unless he does it himself. He can work from this checklist, and he should check with his patrol leader to see if there's anything else he needs.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Duffel bag or hiking backpack for clothes | <input type="checkbox"/> Hat with brim to shade from the sun |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag and pillow | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking boots or shoes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sheet to go over mattress | <input type="checkbox"/> Extra pair of shoes (closed toe) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bug net for bunk (see construction details in another document) | <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry bag Flashlight and extra batteries (spare bulb if flashlight uses them) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rain gear | <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket knife |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sweatshirt or jacket | <input type="checkbox"/> Compass |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Uniform (Field and Activity - two or three shirts if you have them) | <input type="checkbox"/> Rope |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletry kit (soap, shampoo, toothpaste & toothbrush) | <input type="checkbox"/> Totin' chip / Firem'n chit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pajamas or something to sleep in | <input type="checkbox"/> Merit badge books, prework & Boy scout handbook |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two or three pairs of shorts (can be Scout shorts) | <input type="checkbox"/> Notebook and pencils |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pants (at least one pair of Scout pants) - lightweight fast-drying is better than blue jeans | <input type="checkbox"/> Small backpack (to carry to merit badge sessions or PATH) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Socks - one pair for each day plus a couple spares (cotton/poly blend better than cotton) | <input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle (one liter is a good size) - JUST for water |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boxers or underwear - one pair for each day plus a spare | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen and insect repellent with DEET |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming suit and towel (Packed on top) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra clothes | <input type="checkbox"/> Spending money and money for activity fees (materials, ammo, etc. - check first to see how much you will need) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing Gear (optional) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> If you are an Arrowman, bring your OA sash |

Better to have it and not need it...than need it and not have it!

What not to bring

Scouts should not bring:

- Electronic toys and gadgets - games, iPods, etc. (They can be used in the car traveling to and from camp but must be left in the car)
- Soda pop or snacks - there should be plenty to eat without having to bring snacks. The dining hall at camp provides three hot meals a day and seconds are always available. Dietary restrictions can be accommodated if the camp knows about them. Contact the troop summer camp coordinator; you can also call the camp directly if you have concerns. Of course, food should never be kept in tents.
- Cell phones - these should not be carried or used in camp because they are a distraction. Boys may bring them in the car to and from camp, but they must be left in the car. Adults are requested to leave their phones in their cars or tents.
- Open-toed shoes (flip flops, sandals) except when worn at the waterfront (even then, water shoes are preferred). Closed-toe shoes only while in camp.