

Recommended Personal Gear

Copy this page and use it as a checklist for each campout.

Equipment: Troop 66 provides shared patrol gear, including lanterns, stoves and cooking equipment, for each patrol. Each Scout is responsible for his personal gear listed below. Scouts should strive to bring the minimum gear necessary, and to pack it so that all gear can be carried by the Scout to his patrol's campsite in a single trip. The Boy Scout Handbook has helpful information on camping and camping gear.

- SIGNED permission slip. Parents must sign a permission slip before a scout can leave on a Troop outing.
- Scout uniform
- Hiking boots or other appropriate water resistant footwear (athletic shoes or sneakers not typically recommended).
- Extra pair of socks and underwear to sleep in.
- All synthetic or wool hiking socks (plus extra pair)*
- Synthetic t-shirt or shirt (plus one extra) *
- Synthetic fleece jacket or pullover *
- Synthetic pants, either fleece or nylon, with pockets (plus one extra pair)*
- Synthetic walking shorts with good pockets *
- A warm hat (not just a baseball cap) that will shed water
- Extra underwear (thermal if weather demands)
- Swim trunks
- Sleeping bag (should be sufficient for occasional below freezing temperatures)
- Ground pad for sleeping bag.
- Backpack (preferred), duffel bag, or plastic tote.
- Tent (no larger than 2- or 3-man size). Tents are shared with other Scouts in the same patrol, so it would be a good idea to check with other patrol members before investing in a tent
- Ground cloth for tent
- Water bottle(s) or platypus-type water sack with drinking tube (sized to carry a minimum of 2 liters of water)
- Mess kit, preferably small, lightweight metal that is self-contained.
- Folding pocket knife (up to 4" blade – no sheath knives)
- Waterproof matches.

- Sturdy rain jacket and pants (ponchos do not provide sufficient protection, especially in wet winter weather)
- LED head lamp (preferred) or flashlight (head lamps are handy for hands-free work in camp)
- Extra batteries for flashlight.
- Scout Handbook, pen, notebook
- Small towel and toiletries (soap, toothbrush, non-aerosol insect repellent and sunscreen)
- Wristwatch
- Sunglasses if desired.
- Personal first aid kit (small bandages, disinfectant, blister care, etc.)
- Glasses, contact lenses, prescription drugs and related items. PLEASE note on permission slip so adults are aware of their presence and can assist if necessary.
- Compass and applicable map(s), if required.

* Parents please note: Cotton clothes are a very poor choice for cold weather camping, as cotton is bulky, cold and slow to dry when wet. When possible, one or two light layers, made of quick-drying synthetic materials is excellent for layering and remains warm even when wet. More information for outing-specific gear will be posted on the troop's website and announced at Troop meetings before the outing.

Medication on Campouts

If a Scout is taking medication during a campout, the Scout's parent should advise the Scoutmaster if the parent wishes for an adult to supervise medication administration.

Items to NOT bring on any Scout Activity

- Sheath knives or knives with blades longer than 4 inches.
- Sling shots, bows/arrows, firearms (including BB guns), fireworks, or ammunition.
- Un-prescribed drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products. Infractions of this rule could result in criminal charges, as they are ILLEGAL!
- Anything not permitted by Official BSA policy as defined in the Guide to Safe Scouting.
- Electronics (except cameras) must have prior approval from the Scoutmaster. Any approved item is brought at the scout's own risk. This includes, but is not limited to, MP3 players, iPods, radios, GPS receivers, handheld games, pagers and cell phones. Anyone with prohibited gear without the consent of the Scoutmaster could have that item confiscated until the end of the outing. Repeat infractions could result in disciplinary action.
- Aerosol cans