

What to Bring

REFERENCE: *Scouts BSA Handbook for Boys* and *Scouts BSA Handbook for Girls*—Chapter 9, Camping

Overnight gear, the Scout Basic Essentials, and appropriate clothing are the heart of camping equipment. Carry a light load of only what you need to keep yourself safe and make a good camp; leave all unnecessary items at home.

PERSONAL OVERNIGHT CAMPING GEAR

- Scouts BSA Handbook for Boys* or *Scouts BSA Handbook for Girls*
 - SCOUT BASIC ESSENTIALS**
 - Pocketknife
 - First-aid kit
 - Extra clothing
 - Rain gear
 - Water bottle filled with potable water
 - Flashlight
 - Trail food
 - Matches and fire starters
 - Sun protection
 - Map and compass
 - Clothing for the season (warm-weather or cold-weather)
 - Backpack
 - Rain cover for backpack
 - Sleeping bag, or two or three blankets
 - Sleeping pad
 - Ground cloth
- EATING KIT**
 - Spoon
 - Plate
 - Bowl
 - Cup
 - CLEANUP KIT**
 - Soap
 - Toothbrush
 - Toothpaste
 - Dental floss
 - Comb
 - Washcloth
 - Towel
 - PERSONAL EXTRAS (OPTIONAL)**
 - Watch
 - Camera and film
 - Notebook or paper
 - Pencil or pen
 - Sunglasses
 - Small musical instrument
 - Swimsuit
 - Gloves

PATROL OR GROUP OVERNIGHT CAMPING GEAR

The following items can be borrowed from your troop gear box or other leaders:

- Two-person backpacking tent with poles, stakes, ground cloths, and lines
- Dining fly
- Nylon cord, 50 feet
- CLEANUP KIT**
 - Sponge or dishcloth
 - Biodegradable soap
 - Sanitizing rinse agent (bleach)
 - Scouring pads (no-soap type)
 - Plastic trash bags
 - Toilet paper in plastic bag
- REPAIR KIT**
 - Thread
 - Needles
 - Safety pins
- GROUP EXTRAS (OPTIONAL)**
 - Hot-pot tongs
 - Camp shovel
 - Water container, one 1-gallon or two ½-gallon collapsible, plastic
 - Washbasin
 - Grill
 - Pot rods
 - Patrol flag
 - Small U.S. flag
 - Sheathed ax
 - Camp saw