

Appendix P

OPTIONS FOR PURCHASING GEAR

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Special Discounts for Scouts

The following stores offer varying discounts for youth and adult members of the BSA. Check with individual locations to see if the discounts apply.

- **Bass Pro Shops:** Get a 10 percent in-store discount when you present a BSA membership card.
- **Cabella's:** Get a 10 percent in-store discount when you present a troop checkbook.
- **Campmor:** Save 10 percent on troop orders.
- **Coleman:** Register for access to discounted products at www.coleman.com/youth.
- **Dick's Sporting Goods:** Get a 10 percent in-store discount when you present a BSA membership card.
- **Eastern Mountain Sports:** Call individual stores for "Club Day" dates when Scouts can save up to 25 percent on EMS-brand merchandise and up to 20 percent on any other merchandise. Stores are located in New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, New Jersey, and Maryland.
- **Hikerdirect.com:** Register to receive discounted prices on outdoor equipment.
- **Gander Mountain:** Get a 10 percent in-store discount when you present a BSA membership card.
- **Great Outdoor Provision:** Discounts for Scouts range from 10 to 25 percent off in-store purchases at locations in North Carolina and Virginia when you present a BSA membership card.
- **L.L.Bean:** Get a troop discount for gear that will remain property of your unit by registering at www.llbean.com/customerService/aboutLLBean/charitable_giving.html. Call 800-458-3058 with questions.
- **Moosejaw:** Save 10 percent with your BSA membership card at stores in Colorado, Illinois, Michigan, and Missouri.

Here are more ideas for saving money on gear:

- Go to scoutstuff.org first. The buyers at the BSA's Supply Group work hard to bring Scouts quality equipment and top-of-the-line brands at Scout-friendly prices. **Plus, all purchases at local Scout shops and on scoutstuff.org help support the future of Scouting.**
- Take a look at the following online clearance stores:
 - TheClymb.com
 - SierraTradingPost.com
 - SteepandCheap.com
- Check thrift stores or Army surplus stores for discounted outdoor gear or clothing that's gently used. Yard sales can also turn up surprisingly good finds.

- If you don't find the used equipment you're searching for at a thrift store, check out used-gear websites such as
 - Craigslist.org
 - Ebay.com
 - FreeCycle.org
 - GearTrade.com
 - GearX.com
 - GoSwitchback.com
- Cristian Navas, a Cubmaster from Nutley, New Jersey, suggests designating a member of your unit to periodically check websites like Craigslist for equipment and send out an email to unit members with good deals.
- Rent outdoor equipment to test items before buying or to fill a gap in your equipment. Check local gear outfitters for available rentals or look at gear-rental websites such as
 - GeartoGoOutfitters.com
 - LowerGear.com
 - OutdoorsGeek.com
 - MountainSideGearRental.com
- Check with your nearest REI store to visit the next REI Garage Sale, open exclusively to store members.