

What to Bring to Family Camp @ Camp Mack Morris

It can be intimidating packing for a family camp trip, especially if you're newer to outdoor life and scouting. This list should be helpful in what to bring and what not to bring. [Pay close attention to page 3.](#)

Campsite Suggestions

Tent: If you're a last-minute shopper like me, please pay attention to the suggested sleeping arrangement when purchasing; that's what they mean when they say how many people will fit. It is recommended to have a small tarp to put down under your tent to help protect against the elements and environment. Most tents come with tent stakes, but you definitely want to check before you get to the site that yours were packed back in with the tent. Ensuring your rain fly and poles are there as well is highly recommended for those of you using ole' trusty.

Sleeping bag: A lightweight but warm sleeping bag that's rated for the weather conditions you'll be camping in; most bags have a temperature rating. If one isn't listed, assume it is for warm weather only.

Pillow: They do have camping pillows, but you can always take the one from home or do without; keep your own comfort and transport space in mind

Cots/Air Mattresses/Sleeping pads: This again is a personal choice, each has its pros & cons. There is not a source of electricity in the scout sites, so make sure your pump will run on batteries if you need one.

Lighting: You will want some sort of directional light to carry with you (flashlight, head lamp) at least, and it is nice to have broader casting light (tent light, lantern) for working under

Fans: It can get stuffy in the tents, so a small fan can make a huge difference, but won't be critical

Towels: Even if you don't plan to shower, an extra towel for wiping off damp feet in a tent is sometimes helpful

All-purpose paper: A roll of toilet paper/paper towels can be used to blow your nose or other purposes such as starting the fire, etc.

Cooking/Eating: Depending on if you selected a meal plan or not, will determine what equipment you need. If you're dining with us, we have your meals covered for 3 meals Saturday and Sunday breakfast. Feel free to bring snacks for your pickier eaters, in between meals, hardier appetites, etc. Those of you cooking in your campsite will need to coordinate those decisions and equipment needs on your own. Keep in mind that you will be responsible for keeping anything cold so pack accordingly.

First Aid: we will have a medical staff on-site but it is always a great idea to have your own small one stocked with band aide, alcohol wipes, Tylenol, etc.

Wagon: While we do offer gear transportation by camp trailer on Friday and Sunday, there may be things you would rather be responsible for and a collapsible wagon can help you with those items.

Please note that we do not run gear transportation trailers on Saturday at all. We do this to avoid any unnecessary safety concerns with excited cub scouts and young siblings.

Personal Needs Suggestions

Clothing: Please check the weather for the area we're camping in the days leading up to our departure. Extra clothes, especially extra socks, are always recommended because even if it doesn't rain, they'll find a way to get messy out there.

Footwear: Good sturdy boots or shoes are suggested for comfort and safety on the trails. Tennis shoes are a nice alternative, especially around the campsite, for their ease of putting on and taking off. Open toe shoes, flip-flops, and crocs are not recommended outside of use in the shower or water.

Water bottle/Coffee cup: You will probably want one

Toiletries: There are decent showers at this campground, so feel free to pack accordingly

Rain gear: This is West TN, so please check the local weather close to departure day. Since the weather can change frequently, it's not a bad idea to have a rain jacket/poncho for each of your people. Birdsong Heights is the location on The Weather Channel app that is closest to camp.

Insect repellent: We will be in the woods, and that's where the bugs live, so let's be smart

Sun Protection: Please take the appropriate measures for your level of melanin (hats, shades, sunscreen, etc.)

Pocket knife: Only scouts who have achieved their whittling chit/bear claw are allowed to handle pocket knives at Cub Scout events. Parents, please help us enforce this by inspecting younger scouts' packs before you leave your house or secure them in your vehicle once discovered

Medications: We want everyone to have a happy, healthy, fun time. please pack any medications you take daily

What You **DO NOT** Bring to Camp Mack Morris

Alcohol

Illegal drugs

Fireworks

Firearms

Range Equipment

(bow/arrows, bb guns, slingshots will be provided in range areas)

Nerf Guns and Swords

(or other toys styled after weapons)

Pets

(service animals should be reported to camp admin prior to arrival)

ATV/ROHV/UTV

(special cert. is required to operate one of these on ANY BSA property)