

## 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