

Troop camping requires adult support in the form of training and driving/transportation duties.

From the scout we need complete patrol planning of their activities. These include knowledge of their destination, duration, goals, and expectations from their adult leaders.

Troop provides for a typical campout:

1. **Tent**, shared with a second scout from their patrol.
 - a. They are responsible for damage. Usually the zipper, use caution, open slowly
 - b. This is a 2 season tent, 7 by 7 or 8 by 8 dome made of nylon
 - c. It has a built in floor and rear window
2. **Patrol box**
 - a. They are assigned a box based on their patrol. They use it till they all reach 18/Eagle rank
 - b. This contains items “inherited” and is required to be maintained by the patrol. As they will pass it off to the next patrol as they “graduate”.
 - c. Contents
 - i. Coleman stove, two burner is typical
 - ii. Griddle
 - iii. Wash tubs
 - iv. Serving Plates
 - v. Utensils- cooking, can opener
 - vi. Cutting board
 - vii. Oven mit
 - viii. Wash towels
 - ix. Al foil, paper towels
 - x. Wrench
 - xi. Frying pan
 - xii. First aid kit
 - xiii. Fire extinguisher

Scout provides:

1. **Consent form and medical history for each outing, two signed copies!**
2. Mess kit and utensils
3. **Food** for their patrol consumption
 - a. They plan the meal, adult checks
 - b. They shop for it as a group outing.
 - c. The cost is divided among them plus the adult leaders are part of the food plan and fee's.
4. **Sleeping gear**
 - a. Recommend: foam mat for thermal barrier under sleeping bag
 - b. For desert summer camping recommend a typical 40 degree bag
 - c. For winter camping, recommend a 20 degree bag.
 - i. IF you have a 40 degree bag BRING a thick blanket to put over top
5. **Personal gear**
 - a. **ALL medicines are held by the adult in charge. THE SCOUT (and parent/guardian) MUST notify the adult leader responsible for him.**

- b. Scout handbook and pencil/pen
- c. Tooth paste /brush in a ziplock bag
- d. Personal first aid kit
- e. Ten essentials kit
- f. Water bottle, preferably with holder at waist
 - i. Camel back is OK but they tend to leak and that wet shirt indirectly causes cold/flu symptoms.
- g. Flash light and fresh batteries.
- h. Duck tape

6. Clothes

- a. Winter camping, bring layers. A down jacket will not work after washing. It will get smoke smell that takes weeks to go away.
- b. Shorts for mid day, long pants for morning and evening
- c. Shirts of many sizes
 - i. Start with short sleeve, next layer is long sleeve
 - ii. Sweat shirt – slightly larger to fit over the other layers
 - iii. “Hoodie” pull over/zipup goes over the sweat shirt
- d. “Long johns”; also known as thermal underwear. Great for nights!
- e. Hiking boots if you have them
 - i. \$200 sneakers don’t make sense. They go thru the mud and whatever.
 - ii. A reasonable pair of sneakers is good for all round use.
 - iii. For “bouldering” a worn but still laces up tightly are good, they will get ripped up.
- f. Hat
 - i. Ball cap for shade
 - ii. Woolen for sleeping or snow ball fights
- g. Gloves for rock climbing
 - i. Garden gloves are the kind but they don’t make them in kid sizes
 - ii. Something to keep their fingers from getting ripped up on the rocks.
- h. Troop tee shirt
- i. Class A for travel (sash, pants, Green sox not required) to campout
 - i. To formal event like Camporee or council event full class A and pants
- j. This should all fit into 1 backpack/duffle/stuff sack or other durable, preferable water proof container. NOT a plastic bag.

7. Entertainment

- We have been liberal with iPod like things WHILE in the car.
- The scout master, his assistants have phones that are used to handle emergencies. This forces the boys to come get help, we are first aid trained and make better judgments. Therefore we encourage *no cell phones* as this is an expensive unit to get lost stolen and becomes a distraction when they should be listening.
- Which brings me to cell phones are left in the car they drive in.
- They really should be working on some form of controlled activity not hiding in a tent playing angry birds or pac man.
- We always hear of some scout at summer camp that gets his electronic toy stolen.
- TROOP IS NOT LIABLE for lost or broken electronics.