



Summer Camp Guide

Gear Checklist and Suggestions

"We are not a club nor a Sunday school class, but a school of the woods"

~ Lord Robert Baden-Powell

This list and other information is provided as a simple guideline to plan what you will need for your week in camp. Your Scoutmaster may have some other suggestions which do not appear on this info sheet.

SUMMER CAMP CHECKLIST

(CLOTHING & PERSONAL GEAR SHOULD BE TAGGED WITH THE SCOUT'S NAME.)

CAMPING GEAR

- ☐ FOOTLOCKER
- ☐ FLASHLIGHT/HEADLAMP (WITH EXTRA BATTERIES)
- ☐ WATER BOTTLE (OR CANTEEN)
- ☐ DIRTY LAUNDRY BAG

BSA UNIFORM

- ☐ FIELD UNIFORM (CLASS A - KHAKI SHIRT)
- ☐ SCOUT PANTS (CONVERT TO SHORTS)
- ☐ SCOUT BELT
- ☐ SCOUT SOCKS

BEDDING

- ☐ SLEEPING BAG OR 2-3 BLANKETS
- ☐ PILLOW (WITH PILLOW CASE)
- ☐ FOAM PAD (OR AIR MATTRESS)
- ☐ FLAT TWIN SHEET (FOR WARM NIGHTS)

TOILETRIES

- ☐ TOWELS (2-3) INCLUDING 1 BEACH TOWEL
- ☐ SOAP AND SHAMPOO (IN CARRIERS OR PLASTIC BAG)
- ☐ COMB OR BRUSH
- ☐ TOOTHBRUSH AND PASTE
- ☐ DEODORANT (OPTIONAL) (DON'T BE A STINKER)

CLOTHING

- ☐ UNDERWEAR (6 PAIRS) **CHANGE DAILY!**
- ☐ SOCKS (4-6 PAIRS) **CHANGE DAILY!**
- ☐ T-SHIRTS (4-6 PAIRS) (PREFERABLY T56 CLASS B)
- ☐ SHORTS (2 PAIRS) (LIGHT WEIGHT)
- ☐ LONG PANTS (1 PAIR) (JEANS OR OTHER PANTS)
- ☐ JACKET OR SWEATSHIRT (LIGHT WEIGHT)
- ☐ RAINGEAR OR PONCHO **IF IT AIN'T DAMP, IT AIN'T CAMP**
- ☐ EXTRA PAIR OF SHOES **NO OPEN TOED SHOES**
- ☐ PAJAMAS OR OTHER SLEEPWEAR
- ☐ BATHING SUIT **(REQUIRED FOR AQUATICS)**

OTHER ITEMS

- ☐ MEDICATIONS* **CLEARLY LABELED**
- ☐ MOSQUITO NETTING (BUGS SUCK)
- ☐ INSECT REPELLENT (DON'T BE A TASTY MEAL)
- ☐ FOLDING CHAIR (THE ONLY THING THAT WON'T FIT IN YOUR FOOTLOCKER)
- ☐ BOY SCOUT HANDBOOK **REQUIRED**
- ☐ MERIT BADGE SUPPLIES **PRE-REQ'S AND SUPPLIES**
- ☐ POCKET KNIFE (MUST HAVE TOTIN' CHIT)
- ☐ SUNSCREEN (DON'T GET BURNED-USE IT!)
- ☐ GAMES (BOARD GAMES/CARD GAMES)
- ☐ NOTEBOOK/PAPER (PENCILS OR PENS)
- ☐ WALLET/SPENDING MONEY (SUGGESTED \$25-\$35)



MEDICAL FORMS

A pre-participation physical and a properly filled out BSA Annual Health and Medical Record Form are **REQUIRED** for all Scouts attending Summer Camp.



CLASS A UNIFORM

Summer Camp requires that all scouts and leaders be in Class A uniform for certain functions and events. Bring it.



FOOTLOCKER

Troop 56 highly recommends packing your items in a footlocker or other storage device that can be locked. The best size to get is around 16 gallons



Rule of Thumb: If all your summer camp gear doesn't fit in your footlocker, you probably brought too much stuff!



CLOTHING (The Grim Reality)

Packing clothes for summer camp is often a challenge. The awful reality of summer camp for parents of first year campers is that Scouts **DO NOT WEAR** all of the clothing that they pack. Consider the reality of this **FACT** when deciding what to pack for summer camp. A fresh pair of underwear and socks for each day is a **MUST**, but fresh shorts and shirts for every day may not be. Scouts tend to re-wear certain clothing over and over again. If they have aquatics, they usually treat their swimsuits as shorts...they even get washed everyday in the lake or pool. This is not something that the parents like to hear, but it's the grim truth of summer camp. **DON'T OVERPACK.**



MEDICATIONS

Medications should clearly be marked with the Scout's name, medication name, and dosage and should be stored over at the Health Lodge upon arrival to camp.



DO NOT PACK FOOD IN YOUR FOOTLOCKER



Raccoons, chipmunks, skunk, bears, and other critters **LOVE** midnight snacks.

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