

“What Should I Bring to Summer Camp?”



That’s one of the top 10 questions parents and scouts ask. It’s not always an easy one to answer. This trip is also a unique situation since a parent won’t be able to just “drop by” camp and drop off something that their Scout forgot to pack. Included below is a suggested list of things that you should pack for the trip. The list is meant to be used as a guideline and should be tailored to meet the needs of the individual Scout.

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)
- DAYPACK

BEDDING

- SLEEPING BAG
WITH 1-2 BLANKETS
- PILLOW
(WITH PILLOW CASE)
- FOAM PAD
(OR AIR MATTRESS)
- FLAT TWIN SHEET
(FOR WARM NIGHTS)

CLOTHING

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| <input type="checkbox"/> UNDERWEAR (7 PAIRS)
CHANGE DAILY! | <input type="checkbox"/> SWEATSHIRT
(WICKING MID-LAYER) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SOCKS (4-6 PAIRS)
CHANGE DAILY! | <input type="checkbox"/> RAINGEAR OR PONCHO
IF IT AIN'T DAMP, IT AIN'T CAMP |
| <input type="checkbox"/> T-SHIRTS (4-6 PAIRS)
(SOME T56 CLASS B) | <input type="checkbox"/> EXTRA PAIR OF SHOES
NO OPEN TOED SHOES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SHORTS (2 PAIRS)
(LIGHT WEIGHT) | <input type="checkbox"/> PAJAMAS
OR OTHER SLEEPWEAR |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LONG PANTS (2 PAIR)
(CONVERTIBLE TO SHORTS) | <input type="checkbox"/> HELMET (OPTIONAL)
(FOR SANDBOARDING) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HIKING BOOTS
(WELL BROKEN IN) | <input type="checkbox"/> BATHING SUIT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BRIMMED HAT
NO HAT, NO HIKE! | <input type="checkbox"/> JACKET
(OUTER LAYER) |

OTHER ITEMS

- MEDICATIONS*
CLEARLY LABELED
- TREKKING POLES
- INSECT REPELLENT
(DON'T BE A TASTY MEAL)
- NOTEBOOK/PAPER
(PENCILS OR PENS)
- HIKING FIRST AID KIT
- BOY SCOUT HANDBOOK
REQUIRED
- POCKET KNIFE
(MUST HAVE TOTIN' CHIT)
- SUNSCREEN
(DON'T GET BURNED-USE IT!)
- GAMES
(BOARD GAMES/CARD GAMES)
- WALLET/SPENDING MONEY
(SUGGESTED \$50-\$100)
- DIRTY LAUNDRY BAG

BSA UNIFORM

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

TOILETRIES

- TOWELS (1-2)
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)



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.



FIELD UNIFORM

Summer Camp requires that all scouts and leaders be in field 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. 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 with Scout Welfare in the Troop Trailer.



DO NOT KEEP FOOD IN YOUR FOOTLOCKER



Bears, and other critters **LOVE** midnight snacks.

