

My First Boy Scout Campout Checklist

Adapted from the **Inquiry Net**: <http://inquiry.net/outdoor/equipment>

Note: You can use the underlined sections to check off each item to ensure it is packed. The first few times you camp out with us try to bring as much of the listed items as you can—if you have them already or can borrow them from friends or the troop. Try not to go and buy a lot of new stuff until you have a couple campouts under your belt and you've had a chance to talk to Troop Leaders about the best choices to buy.

____ **BACKPACK** (you can start with a Sports bag or a Duffel Bag). Use a lawn bag to line your pack or bag, put your stuff in the lawn bag to keep it all dry.

____ **SLEEPING BAG** or blankets

____ **CLOSED-CELL FOAM CAMP SLEEPING PAD** (Air mattresses offer no insulating value in colder weather).

____ **RAINCOAT** (you can even cut holes in a lawn bag to make a serviceable suit)

____ **WARM JACKET** (for cool weather camping here at night).

____ **EXTRA PAIR PANTS** (anything but cotton, if possible -- check the tags for polyester, nylon, or other synthetics)

____ **WOOL SWEATER, or POLYESTER SWEATSHIRT** (about \$3 at Thrift Stores Spring or Fall Campouts).

____ **LONG SLEEVE SHIRT** (Wool or synthetic fiber for insulating quality/quick drying-\$3 at thrift stores Anytime camping).

____ **SHORT SLEEVE SHIRTS at least 2 extra** (Troop has nice "Class B" shirts available for \$8 each)

____ **UNDERWEAR, 2 extra**

____ **HAT, Baseball style & knit cap during colder weather.** (Sun protection & knit cap keeps you warmer in your sleeping bag at night)

____ **GOOD QUALITY WHISTLE** on neck chain.

____ **MESS-KIT (BOWL, CUP, FORK, SPOON, PLATE** (plastic keeps food warmer than metal).

____ **2 ONE-QUART WATER BOTTLES**, filled ("Nalgene" Bottles are the most dependable. Cleaned, empty Sports Drink bottles work fine).

____ **FLASHLIGHT & EXTRA BATTERIES**, (headband style keeps hands free)

____ **SMALL FIRST AID KIT** (You can make your own: *BSA Handbook*, Page 289).

____ **PEN & POCKET NOTEPAD**, (No, you can't borrow ours), **BSA HANDBOOK (ALL FUNCTIONS)**

____ **CLEAN-UP KIT** (Small Hand Soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Comb, Floss, Fast-Drying Camp Towel).

____ **TOILET PAPER** (Half a roll in a Zip-Lock bag).

Always pack for one season *COLDER* than now!

Avoid cotton clothes (like blue jeans and cotton sweatshirts) for outdoor use. Cotton loses insulating value when wet, making you chill faster & be less comfortable in any weather.