

# What to Bring to Camp

## NECESSARY ITEMS

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1. Backpack for daily use
2. **BSA Annual Health Form:** Completed and signed by a physician, a parent/guardian, and a unit leader. Keep the original at home (for future use) and bring least 2 copies to camp. Complete the prescription medication section if taking any while at camp. Talk to pharmacy about containers for camp (1 for each prescription) – **medication must be** in original container from pharmacy (never in “homemade” containers), with physician’s typed directions for use.
3. Canteen or water bottle
4. Flashlight with extra batteries
5. Ground cloth
6. Jeans or other long pants
7. **Mosquito netting: A must for all campers!**
8. Mosquito repellent (no aerosol cans) — A must!
9. Neckerchief (If required by unit)
10. Pajamas or other sleeping clothes
11. Personal mess gear including fork, knife & spoon — if doing cooking merit badge, or if unit is doing patrol cooking
12. Poncho or raincoat — A must!
13. Scout Handbook, pencil, pen, and paper
14. Scout uniform: Summer uniform of shorts and Scout short sleeve shirt (T-shirts are good for day time activities)
15. Shoes: Extra pair for wet weather — A must!
16. Soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, & comb
17. Socks — at least 5 pair; include some Scout socks for use with summer uniform
18. Sleeping bag or several wool blankets
19. Spending money
20. Sweater and/or jacket
21. Swimming trunks - consider wearing them under your uniform
22. Sunscreen, hat, sunglasses — be prepared for hot weather!
23. Towels (2) and washcloth
24. T-shirts are good for daytime activities
25. Underwear — at least 5 changes

## OPTIONAL ITEMS

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1. Camera
2. Compass
3. Fishing equipment
4. Pocket knife (Sheath knives not allowed in camp) – Totem’ Chip

## WHAT NOT TO BRING (LEAVE AT HOME)

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1. Items prohibited by BSA policy (fireworks, firearms of any kind, etc.)
2. Items prohibited by your unit's leadership – cell phones, electronic games, computers
3. Electronic items (consult your troop policy for specifics)
4. Items of significant monetary or sentimental value: If it got lost or broken, would you be upset? If so, leave it at home.
5. If you are unsure whether something is appropriate to take to camp, leave it at home. Or, please ask your scoutmaster or a Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation staff member first.