

Troop 171

Spring/Fall Camping Checklist

(modify for spring or fall conditions)



MAJOR EQUIPMENT *****

- _____ Pack (external or internal frame)(medium to high quality - padded shoulder and hip straps REQUIRED!)
- _____ Sleeping bag (down or Polarguard. Plan on approximately zero degree nights.)
- _____ Foam pad (Essential. An air mattress is not good for winter camping. ThermaRest pads are GREAT)
- _____ Accessory straps (used to attach sleeping bag and foam to pack frame. Belts, bungee cords, or rope do not work very well!)

CLOTHING *****

- optional _____ Med. weight coat (or a vest and a shell parka)
- _____ Long sleeve shirts (1 recommended. Wool is best but not essential.)
- optional _____ Long underwear (bottoms are the most important and polypro is best)
- _____ Rag Wool socks (2 pair are essential for winter camping - thick ones)
- _____ Inner socks (2 pair, polypro is the best) _____ Underwear (2 changes)
- optional _____ Polarguard or down booties (polarguard is best)
- optional _____ Overbooties (can be homemade from troop pattern)
- _____ Pants (1 change required.)
- _____ Gloves (lightweight)
- _____ Boots (lightweight nylon hiking boots)
- _____ Swimming suit

+++ REMEMBER: DRESS IN LAYERS ON WINTER TRIPS! +++

EATING GEAR *****

- _____ Bowl (don't bring the entire kit) _____ Cup
- _____ Spoon
- _____ Water bottle or canteen (Wide mouth bottle is best) (FILL IT AND DRINK IT TO AVOID DEHYDRATION!).

TOILET ARTICLES *****

- _____ Personal toilet paper (small role in zip lock bag.) _____ Chapstick or lipbalm
- _____ Toothbrush and toothpaste (keep in 35 mm film can)

MISC. ITEMS *****

- _____ Flashlight (w/NEW alkaline batteries) _____ Money (for stops on the way)
- _____ Nylon camping cord (50 feet)(NOT OPTIO AL) _____ Compass
- _____ Pocket knife _____ Scout Handbook
- _____ Pencil and pad of paper _____ Survival kit
- _____ Sunglasses (IMPORTANT) _____ Healthy Munchies
- _____ Spare batteries (new alkaline) _____
- _____ Small Flashlight (AA size)(with fresh alkaline batteries)
- _____ Matches (in a waterproof case - prescription bottles work great.)
- _____ Large garbage bag or pack cover (to cover your pack at night.)
- _____ Personal First Aid Supplies (moleskin, Band-aids, Tylenol, etc.)
- _____ Prescription or non-prescription medications (give the trip leader a duplicate of important medications)

SPECIAL GEAR TO TAKE WHEN SKIING OR HIKING OR BIKING

- _____ Daypack (to carry gear on the trail)
- _____ Water bottle (drink at least 1 liter while on the trail)
- _____ Munchies (granola bars, gorp, etc. Snack while on the trail)
- _____ Sack lunch _____ Rain gear
- _____ Compass _____ Flashlight
- _____ Spare gloves or mittens _____ Matches (keep dry i bottle or bag)
- _____ Survival Kit (if available) _____ Tools, tubes, etc.

**BE SURE TO DO A SAFETY CHECK ON YOUR BICYCLE BEFORE THE TRIP.
PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE BRAKES. DON'T FORGET YOUR BIKE
HELMET!**

NO HELMET - NO RIDE!