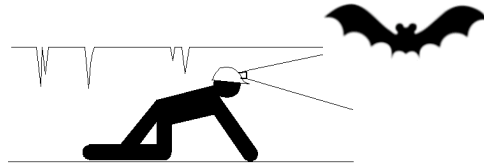


Troop 171

Fall/Winter Camping Checklist



NOTE:

- **Fall is a tough time to pack. It can be cold or hot. This list contains equipment for fall and winter. Use your own judgement. Be Prepared!**
- **Since it is the fall hunting season, we recommend a cheap blaze orange vest!**

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 well!)

CLOTHING *****

- _____ Winter coat (or a vest and a shell parka)
- _____ Long sleeve shirts (2 recommended. Wool is best but not essential.)
- _____ Long underwear (bottoms are the most important and polypro is best)
- _____ Ragg Wool socks (2 pair are essential for fall/winter camping - thick ones)
- _____ Inner socks (3 pair, polypro is the best) _____ Underwear (2 changes)
- _____ Polarguard or down booties (optional for fall)(polarguard is best)
- _____ Overbooties (can be homemade from troop pattern) (optional in fall)
- _____ Pants (2 changes required. Wool pants are the best but jeans will do if nothing else is available.)
- _____ Gloves or mittens (mittens are the warmest. 2 PAIR IF AVAILABLE.)
- _____ Boots (waterproofed. Snowmobile or felt insulated such as Sorels are the best.)

NO TENNIS SHOES OR LIGHTWEIGHT NYLON BOOTS.

- _____ Wool ski cap (balaclava style with facemask is best) _____ Gaiters (very important)
- +++ **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 OPTIONAL) _____ Compass
- _____ Pocket knife _____ Scout Handbook
- _____ Pencil and pad of paper _____ Survival kit
- _____ Sunglasses (IMPORTANT) _____ Healthy Munchies
- _____ Spare batteries (new alkaline) _____ Disposable Hand Warmers
- _____ Small Flashlight (AA size)(with fresh alkaline batteries) _____ (great for cold hands and to put in boots at night!)
- _____ 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)

CAVE SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT - Can be part of the above list. Remember - THEY WILL BE MUDDY!

- _____ Cave clothes (coveralls work great long sleeve shirt, long pants, etc.)
- _____ Work gloves _____ Boots
- _____ Hard hat (construction, climbing or bike helmet will work but should have a chin strap)
- _____ Three independent sources of light with NEW alkaline (head lamp, flashlights, etc.) Should fit on your helmet or use duct tape to attach it.
- _____ Spare alkaline batteries (NEW) _____ Water bottle
- _____ Lunch _____ Daypack that can get really muddy
- _____ Trash bag to put dirty clothes in for the trip home

Fulford Cave

Driving Directions

Parents,

Because of driving distance and cave safety, we need more adult support than usual. Gas will be reimbursed. Total driving distance is 145 miles. Therefore, we recommend that drivers camp with the troop. The details are shown below. If you can drive, and did not mark the permission slip, please call Hudson Philips.

Location: Fulford cave (19 miles south of Eagle).

Driving Time: Approximately 3.5 hours depending on traffic and weather.

Driving Directions: Drive west on I-70 through Vail to the Eagle exit.

Go across the bridge. Turn right towards downtown Eagle.

Take the first left. If you miss it, the next street goes the same place.

After traveling for approx. 11 miles, the road makes a Y. Take the left fork onto a dirt road. This is forest service road 415.

Stay on this road for approximately 8 miles.

Follow the signs to Fulford Campground. **DO NOT GO TO THE TOWN OF FULFORD!** There are two turnoffs on the left that go to the town of Fulford.

Ignore both and continue to the Fulford Campground.

Driving time from Eagle to Fulford Campground is approximately 45 minutes.

Leave Boulder: We will be leaving Boulder at 6:00 Friday night.

Depart Fulford: We will leave Fulford at 9:30 AM on Sunday. We MAY have a traditional stop for pizza at Beau Jo's Pizza in Idaho Springs.

Arrive Boulder: Approximately 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM depending on traffic, weather and service if we stop at Beau Jo's!