

Packing for Camp

Weekend Campout Checklist

Pack the core every time, then adjust for the weather. Check this month's campout info.

1 The 10 Essentials

EVERY CAMPOUT · EVERY SEASON

- ☐ Pocketknife (with Totin' Chip)
- ☐ Rain gear: jacket or poncho
- ☐ Trail food and snacks
- ☐ Flashlight or headlamp (+ spare batteries)
- ☐ Extra clothing and layers
- ☐ Personal first-aid kit
- ☐ Sun protection: sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, lip balm
- ☐ Map and compass
- ☐ Matches and fire starters (kept dry)
- ☐ Two water bottles, filled

2 Sleep Warm, Sleep Dry

- ☐ Sleeping bag for the overnight low
- ☐ Sleeping pad
- ☐ Clean, dry sleep clothes
- ☐ Pillow (optional)

3 Clothing for a Weekend

FRIDAY TO SUNDAY · PLUS ONE DRY BACKUP

- ☐ Class A uniform and Class B shirts (as directed)
- ☐ Underwear and socks (with extras)
- ☐ Pants or shorts for the weather
- ☐ Jacket or warm layer, plus a hat
- ☐ Durable shoes or hiking boots
- ☐ Spare outfit and sleep clothes in dry bags

4 Eating, Drinking & Camp Life

- ☐ Mess kit: plate or bowl, cup, utensils
- ☐ Two water bottles
- ☐ Camp chair
- ☐ Scout Handbook
- ☐ Personal medications (per instructions)
- ☐ Toothbrush, toothpaste, hygiene items
- ☐ Small bag for dirty or wet clothes

TRAINING COMES FIRST

Use knives or fire-starting gear only with the right Scout training and authorization. Bring your Totin' Chip and Firem'n Chit, as applicable.

5 Adjust for the Weather

Cold

- ☐ Base or long layers; fleece, wool, or synthetic
- ☐ Wind and waterproof outer layers; snow pants in winter
- ☐ Warm hat, neck gaiter, gloves or mittens (+ backup)
- ☐ Wool or synthetic socks; insulated waterproof boots
- ☐ Extra dry clothing in dry bags
- ☐ Cold-rated sleeping bag and insulated pad
- ☐ Hand or toe warmers (optional)

Hot

- ☐ Extra water; sun hat, sunglasses, sunscreen
- ☐ Lightweight, breathable clothing and extra socks
- ☐ Electrolytes (if recommended)

Wet

- ☐ Rain jacket or poncho; waterproof footwear
- ☐ Extra socks and a complete dry backup
- ☐ Dry bags and a pack cover

6 Before You Pack

CHECK THIS MONTH'S CAMPOUT INFO

- ☐ Activity gear and special clothing
- ☐ Required forms, certifications, cards
- ☐ Costs and food assignments
- ☐ Departure and pickup details
- ☐ Expected weather, day and overnight

Grubmaster? Check the meal plan, patrol count, and food budget before shopping.

Heading to weeklong camp? Use that event's packing guide instead.

RAIN GEAR IS AN ESSENTIAL

It is one of the 10 Essentials. "The forecast says no rain" is not a reason to leave it home.

THIS MONTH'S EXTRAS & NOTES