

CAMPING CHECKLIST

ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY:

- Tent and Ground cloth
- Sleeping bags
- Pillows
- Mattresses or cots (if you want to get any sleep)
- Cups, plates, bowls, utensils
- Flashlight
- Rain gear and boots
- Warm clothing - Extra
- Personal items: toothbrush, toothpaste, comb
- Washcloth
- Medications (esp. allergy)
- First aid kit

YOU'RE GOING TO WISH YOU HAD IT IF YOU DON'T:

- Toilet paper
- Canteen
- Lantern
- Bug spray

OPTIONAL:

- Camp chairs
- Camp table
- Camera
- Day pack
- Stove and fuel (if you want an early cup of coffee!)
- Fun stuff; mitt and ball, fishing gear, frisbee, soccer ball, etc.
- Scout knife
- Scout book

The pack supplies food for the weekend, but if you have a child with special needs (or finicky tastes), you may want to bring some emergency rations.

Be sure that the clothing you pack for your children is expendable, and preferably dark in color; you *will not believe* how dirty they will get. I keep an extra pair of old sneakers in the closet just for camping trips. The best socks to bring are those that are nearing the end of their useful life anyway, and can be thrown out when you get home!

If you've never camped before, and have no equipment, let us know and we will try to help you borrow equipment. Before investing in camping gear, it's a good idea to come on a trip or two, see if you like it, and scope out the stuff that you see there to get an idea of what you want to buy.

If you have bought a new tent, be sure to **seal the seams** before your first trip.