Scout Uniform (We wear these to and from all camps) including:

- Scout Shirt
- Green shoulder tabs
- Scout Pants
- Scout Cap
- Scout belt
- Appropriate patches
- Neckerchief & slide
- Scout Socks- *crew length*

Extra Clothing - Rugged pants or Jeans, long sleeve shirts, T-shirts, long underwear (such as Under Armour or SmartWool tops and bottoms) and additional clothes as needed for layering. Scouts wear this for the balance of the campout. Bring a change or enough in case it gets wet or muddy and to accommodate your layering preferences.

Changes of Underwear & Socks- - Always bring plenty of socks and changes of underwear!

Footwear - Insulated boots for winter; hiking boots for normal wear, tennis shoes to run around in if the weather is good.

Coats, hats, sweatshirts, gloves - Bring what you need depending on the weather. Don't overdress or underdress -- **too many** layers may cause your clothes to become damp and you to become cold. And too few layers will make you feel chilled, so it's best to wear 2 to 4 layers of clothing (which includes your outerwear) so that you can add or remove them as needed to adjust your body temperature. Remember what Sargent Martin says: "I can be cold or I can be damp, but I don't want to be cold AND damp!"

Backpack / Duffle Bag - either usually works for most regular camps

Sleeping Bag -This is a critical item. Boys need to sleep warm. If bag is not warm enough, don't hesitate to send an extra blanket or two. Your bag should have its own nylon stuff sack. Place a plastic garbage bag inside that before you stuff in the sleeping bag. That is extra insurance it will be dry. Also, a camp mattress adds an extra layer of insulation to your sleeping system. The troop has loaner bags and mattresses if you want to add a layer. See our Quartermasters for details. And the troop now has sleeping bags that promise to keep you warm down to "Zero Degrees." These are available for loan from our Quartermasters to any scout who asks.

Pillow - Optional. Please do not send them with a King size, something small is often preferred. High chance it'll get wet.

Rain Gear- Who can forget rain gear! Please do not bring cheap, inexpensive ponchos from amusement parks. Your rain gear is one of the most important pieces of gear and should be rugged and breathable. Good rain gear can make the difference between a bad weekend and a **Great** weekend. We recommend looking at Scoutstuff.org , REI.com, or Campmor.com for the best rain gear at the best prices or ask a troop youth leader or adult for a recommendation.

Plastic Ground Sheet - Min. 4' x 7 Even though our tents have floors this extra protection helps.

Flashlight - with fresh batteries; the headlamps are nice as well.

Pocketknife - The BSA pocketknife is best. A lock blade standard knife is also good. Rarely is there need for a sheath knife. Never bring a spring blade.

Mess Kit - containing plate, bowl, cup, spoon, knife, fork

Toilet Kit - containing soap, washcloth, towel, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant. But for most weekend camps you can get away with soap, washcloth, toothbrush and toothpaste.

Matches - wooden in a waterproof container. Or purchase a **Striker**. The troop does not supply these.

Water Bottle - a must for hiking trips, a good thing for MOST trips! In the cold months, just like a lake, the top freezes and the bottom stays liquid, so store your drinking bottle upside down.

Compass - not essential for all camps, but a good thing for hikes!

Scout Handbook - 'Don't leave home without it! Except maybe a backpacking trip where weight is a consideration.

Pencil and Paper - Be Prepared!

1 or 2 Garbage Bags and other plastic bags - always come in handy to cover a pack, sleeping bag or to keep something wet from getting something else wet.

Warm Weather Trips:

Swim Trunks and Towel - For summer fun

Insect Repellant - Mosquitoes love Boy Scouts!

Poncho or Rain Gear - Scouts don't melt, but staying warm and dry is essential for a positive outdoor experience.

Sun Screen

Cold Weather Trips:

Long Underwear - Smartwool and Under Armour are good brands. And layers of clothes are better than a single heavy one. Layers can be added or removed as needed to control body temperature and moisture.

Extra socks, gloves, good boots - Avoid cotton socks and cotton gloves as they retain moisture. Also, avoid really thick socks as they will retain moisture as well making you feet moist and cold. Check at any meeting for packing tips

Consider starting a "Ditty Bag" which contains: sparker, fire starters, kindling, spare batteries, compass, duct tape wrapped pencil, waterproof note pad, small bottle of Tylenol, spare batteries, plus other small seasonal items when needed.

- Mark everything with your name!
- Learn to pack items in individual plastic bags - it stays dry
- Electronics, food, especially food, water pistols, etc. should stay at home
- Cell phones should stay at home as well, except in special circumstances - ask first.

How to dress for Winter: underwear briefs > long underwear bottoms > long underwear top> wool socks>snow pants> sweater>snow boots> baclava>stocking hat> insulated jacket>glove liners> waterproof gloves (now don't foolishly get wet!)

**Most of the items above can be found at Dick's Sporting Goods, REI, Campmor, Scoutstuff.org, Carhart or Gander Mountain.

The worst possible condition would be a cold rainy/snow mix. This is difficult for all of us. The best thing is to have rain proof winter gear. Or have large enough rain gear that can cover your winter clothes.