

Mike Greene's

CAMPOUT LIST

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We are usually able to get the bus close enough to camp that making several trips to the bus is not a problem. This list is based on that assumption. For campouts that require you to hike or boat in you will need to greatly reduce the equipment.

1. Tent – The troop usually brings tents, but the OA does not so you have to bring your own to an OA event.
2. Chair – Yes, you do want someplace to sit. Get a small fold up cloth camping chair. You only sit on the ground at Philmont Scout Ranch, Somners Canoe Base (both of which you carry all of your gear for up to 10 to 14 days and don't want to carry it) & in the cowboy movies.
3. Food – Sometimes we ask the boys to bring a supper for the night we leave. Check with a leader. Many times we just stop and get a fast food meal. A small cooler with drinks and snacks is a good idea. Always bring a small bottle of water. Once you finish it don't throw it away just refill it. That way you only have to pack one bottle. I keep mine in my tent at night in case I want water.
4. Sleeping Bag – If in doubt go with the one for colder weather. You can always unzip it if you get hot.
5. Blanket / Sheet – In the summer you will sleep under a sheet on top of the bag.
6. Air Mattress / Air Mattress Pump
7. Pillow
8. Mosquito Netting – Usually only on long term campouts. If you do bring it then bring twine to put it up with.
9. Pocket Knife – Fold up kind only.
10. Flash Light – Put new batteries in for each trip. Turn the top battery backwards which keeps it from coming on and burning out in your bag. You can flip the battery around when you unpack. Put it on top if you think you will be unpacking at night.
- 10b. Tent Lamp – Battery operated lamps are good for hanging up in tents. **NO GAS LAMPS**
11. Plate, Knife, Fork, Spoon & Cup - These are needed on primitive campouts. Take them in a small mesh bag that closes. You can get these in the laundry section of Wal-Mart. This lets you put them together after you wash them and keep them together while they dry. Since the bag is mesh you can just hang it up to let them dry. Don't bring disposable utensils for primitive campouts. We wash them and reuse them.
12. Short / Long Pants
13. T-shirts / Class A shirt
14. Jacket / Poncho – Get a disposable fold-up poncho. If you need it you can use it for that campout and toss it away.
15. Swimming Trunks
16. Shoes – Always bring a second pair.
17. Socks – Dry shoes are no good without dry socks. Bring enough.
18. Underwear

19. Long Underwear – If it is winter there is nothing better than long underwear to keep you warm.
20. Handkerchief
21. Hat
22. Money – Tommy always stops going and coming. It costs about \$2.50 each time we stop if we don't eat (just for cokes and snacks). We stop every 1.5 hours. It costs \$7.00 to eat at Wendy's and \$12.50 at any sit down place by the time you add tax. Bring enough money.
23. Medicine
24. Second Pair of Glasses – If you wear glasses bring a second pair.
25. Contacts – If you are going to bring contacts then bring your supplies and containers.
26. Cell Phone
27. Towel
28. Soap – There is no good way to store used soap on a camp out. If you are going to be gone long enough to take a shower (which is usually more than a weekend trip) then take a small bar (like you get in a hotel) for each day. Use it and throw it in the trash. Please don't leave it in the shower. No one else wants to handle your used soap. Put it in the trash can on your way out. Liquid soap does not work either. The soap bottle becomes wet and slimy after the first use and there is no way to keep from bumping the pump top and spraying it in you bag.
29. Shower Shoes – A must for a pleasant shower anywhere.
30. Toothbrush & Toothpaste – Probably will not be used but make your mother happy and pack it.
31. Fingernail Clippers – You would be surprised how many times you will snag your nails and need them.
32. Comb – See 'toothbrush' above.
33. CANOE TRIPS – Bring your own (troop does not supply them and you will not go without them) of the following:
 - a. Paddle – Get a good one. You will be using it a lot and if it is heavy or rough your trip will be most unpleasant.
 - b. Life Jacket – Official kind only.

UNTINSILESS COOKING NOTES

1. Use very thin items. Noting more than 1/2 inch thick (at the most).
2. It takes about 30 minutes to cook a pouch of 1 thin hamburger, carrots, potatoes & onions.
3. Don't use chicken breasts. They are to thick. Use chicken strips.
4. Use pre-made hamburgers. They are the same thickness and cook in the same amount of time. If you put them on the fire together then you will know when then are done by checking just one.
5. Don't do it in the summer months. It is to hot to stand over the fire.