

The Official AOA Camping Equipment Checklist

Bare Essentials

- ☐ **Two Sets of Clothes:** Unless you're good with wearing the same dirty underwear for the whole weekend, we recommend having a separate outfit for Saturday and Sunday.
- ☐ **Tent:** Get a cheap three person tent for \$40 at Dicks sporting goods or room with a friend with a large tent. **Never trust advertised tent capacities. A three person tent can technically hold three people if they are crammed inside like sardines.**
- ☐ **Sleeping Cot:** sleeping pads also work too depending on how much you enjoy sleeping on the ground. **Try to avoid cheap air mattresses! Make sure whatever you get fits in your tent!**
- ☐ **Sleeping Bag:** "I mean I use heavy blankets and I am fine but everyone calls me silly for doing so" -Snek
- ☐ **Mallet or Hammer:** They are good for driving tent stakes into the ground (others will have this so don't stress if you forget).
- ☐ **Tarp:** Put it underneath the tent in case the ground gets wet from rain etc.
- ☐ **Flip Flops or Sandals:** Your regular shoes are gonna get dirty. Sand and dirt is going to get in your socks. It's going to make going between inside and outside your tent a lot easier.
- ☐ **Water Poncho:** We try our best to schedule camping trips during the perfect weather but rain can be unpredictable. It is better to be safe than sorry.
- ☐ **Camping Chair:** Sitting around the fire is nice. Stealing someone else's chair isn't. **Bring your own damn chair.**
- ☐ **Headlamp:** The campfire is not as bright as you think it'll be. Flashlights are great too if you like doing everything with only one free hand.
- ☐ **Water Bottle:** Hydrate or die-drate.
- ☐ **Camping Utensils or Plastic-Ware:** AOA will also be supplying plastic-ware but we would appreciate it if you brought your own as well. **This includes plates, bowls, and cups as well as spoons, forks, and knives.**
- ☐ **Towel:** Shake-drying doesn't work on you as well as it does on your fursona.
- ☐ **Toiletries For Hygiene:** The AOA campsite has been blessed with showers and sinks, bless your body with cleanliness. **Make sure you have your meds as well as toilet paper and/or baby wipes and talcum powder** for your "sweaty bits".
- ☐ **Insect Repellent:** F*** mosquitoes.
- ☐ **Portable Phone Charger:** There is nothing more depressing than reaching for your phone and realizing it's dead. Don't get caught lackin'.
- ☐ **Spare Batteries:** The last thing you want while walking around a dark forest is for your headlamp to die on you.
- ☐ **Trash Bags:** Do your part and keep the woods trash free (ya filthy animal).

Stuff For Kayaking

- ☐ **Swimsuit:** We're going kayaking, dude. You're gonna get wet.
- ☐ **Sunscreen and Aloe Vera:** **You WILL get burnt without these. No ifs, ands, or buts.**
- ☐ **Sunglasses:** If the sun can burn your skin, it can burn your retinas too (plus they're really cool). **Get an around-the-neck strap to go with them so they don't fall off in the water.**
- ☐ **Water Shoes:** Most of the shores along the lake are nothing but rocks and pebbles that hurt to walk on. Protect your grippers.
- ☐ **Bilge Pump:** They're a nifty little gadget designed for pumping out water that splashes into your kayak.
- ☐ **Dry Bag(s):** Good for snacks, towels, and other stuff on the river. Make sure it is **brightly colored, buoyant**, and able to be **secured to your body** for when your **kayak inevitably tips over!**
- ☐ **Waterproof Phone Pouch:** AGAIN, Make sure it is **brightly colored, and buoyant!** We recommend using some paracord to attach it to a small section of pool noodle.

Helpful Extras

- ☐ **Snacks and Drinks:** Think about chips, fruits, s'mores fixings, **big packs of bottled water**, and anything that you're gonna want to shove down your gullet between meals. **This will Be essential if you're not signing up for the AOA meal plan.**
- ☐ **Cooler and Ice:** Drinking anything at room temperature is awful. Make sure your drinks are cold this weekend.
- ☐ **Extra Set of Clothes:** The campsite will not have a washer and dryer for when you fall face first in the mud. **Extra socks and underwear are imperative.**
- ☐ **Extra Tent Stakes:** It would be a shame if your tent blew away because you lost a few stakes.
- ☐ **High Lumen Work Light:** They're much safer than propane lamps while still being just as bright. **Make sure they run on batteries.** The campsite won't have wall outlets, dummy.
- ☐ **Portable Power Station:** The wall outlets at the campsite.
- ☐ **Waterproof Speaker:** Make sure it's extra robust for the outdoors (and extra loud).
- ☐ **Hammock:** They are by far the most luxurious sleeping vessel ever created.
- ☐ **Ear Plugs:** This is very important if your tent-mates snore. (Squatch will wake you up I am not joking)
- ☐ **Smaller Bottle or Flask:** We know exactly what you're putting in there.
- ☐ **Portable Lawn Games:** Cornhole and Ladder Toss are a great time on their own but they are an even better time with drinks. **This includes board games and playing cards too!**

Please For The Love of God Do NOT Bring...

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| • FIREARMS | • FIREWORKS | • HARD DRUGS | • POLITICAL |
| • ANIMALS (non-service) | • WEAPONS | • YOUR MOM | APPAREL |