

Troop 163 Car Camping Equipment List (1-2 Nights)

This list summarizes the minimum equipment necessary for a typical weekend "car camping" campout (1-2 nights) from mid-April to mid-October. Packing for car-campouts should be in a medium size "cargo style" duffel bag with clothing separated in 2.5-gallon zip-lock bags, packing cubes or clear Washington Post plastic sleeve bags).

Check off each item as you pack it.

Sleeping Gear:

- A sleeping bag, less than 4 lbs or rated to about 30 degrees.
- A foam pad (or a Therm-a-Rest pad).
- A small pillow (NOT your regular bed pillow!)
- A knit cap to wear if a cold night is expected.
- A pair of warm socks to wear if a cold night is expected.

Mess Kit/ Eating Gear

- A medium sized bowl, preferably plastic, with name plainly marked.
- A knife, fork and spoon kit (trashy kitchenware will do).
- A medium sized plastic cup, with name marked plainly.

Do not bring cheap (fast-food) plastic utensils, or breakable glass/porcelain items, expensive silverware or anything heavy. Do not bring "everyday" tableware you cannot afford to lose.

Clothing:

- Full Scout Uniform (unless you are specifically told NOT to bring it)
- 1 pair underwear
- 1 pair socks (2 if wet weather is expected)
- 1 pair gym shorts (needed only in warm/hot weather)
- 1 TShirt (unless it's hot, it's a good idea if it's long-sleeved)
- 1 pair long pants
- A belt
- 1 sweatshirt or medium weight fleece (not needed if hot weather is expected)
- medium wt. wind/rain resistant jacket
- Hat (Baseball Cap OK)
- small towel (think dish or hand towel size & weight)
- A "dirty clothes" bag, preferably cloth or mesh

Note to Parents: Allow your scout to do her own packing – don't pack for her. Most parents of new Scouts outfit their scouts with enough clothing to last a week, instead of one night. She does not need any more clothing than the above, which is already more than she'll use; and remember, she may have to carry it some distance to the campsite. If the expected weather appears to be unusually warmer or colder than normal

(keeping in mind that the local camping areas are typically about 5-10 degrees cooler than Arlington), suggest appropriate deletions and substitutions; ask the Scout's Patrol Leader or the Scoutmaster for advice if you have concerns.

Ancillary Clothing and Equipment:

- A lightweight daypack (have a 3x5 card with your last name, "Troop 111", and a PARENT'S phone number inside the daypack)
- Poncho or rainsuit if there is a 20% or greater chance of rain
- An extra pair of sneakers (or boots) if wet weather is forecast
- Flashlight - small/medium sized, brightly colored or with bright tape wrapped around it, with fresh batteries, avoid Maglites!) - better, use an LED headlamp, with fresh batteries.
- 1 quart (1 liter) canteen (2 if hot weather is expected)
- Toothbrush + toothpaste
- Small towel

Don't bother packing cleaning gear other than a toothbrush it won't get used, period. Make sure everything has your last name (or initials) and "Tr 163" marked on it, especially items like jackets, hats, ponchos, and daypacks. Pack nothing you cannot afford to lose.

Optional Equipment:

- Games - cards, football, frisbee
- Camp Chair/ Crazy Creek Chair
- Sunglasses
- Small folding lockblade knife
- Personal Medications (may need a double set for certain events) – Notify the adult leaders if you are bringing medication including an epi-pen, an emergency inhaler, or any other emergency or controlled medications.
- If requested, your Scout Handbook

SCOUTS - DO NOT PACK: Electronics, Junk Food, Sodas, or Anything Else You Know You're Not Supposed to be Bringing.

* NO food in your tent or personal bags!