

Winter Camping Packing List.

10 Essentials

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Tent

You can bring your own tent or use a troop tent but always double-check to be sure all the parts are there.

Cold Weather Sleeping Bag

Scoutshop has an excellent guide to buying sleeping bags:
<https://www.scoutshop.org/blog/the-scouts-guide-to-sleeping-bags.html>

Sleeping Pad

When the insulation in a sleeping bag is compressed between your body and the ground it loses its ability to insulate, making a sleeping pad an absolute necessity. Smaller, lighter Scouts will do very well with an inexpensive closed-cell foam pad. Bigger, heavier Scouts may want to consider a self-inflating pad if the budget allows.

Scout Book

Every camp is an opportunity for you to get even more requirements signed off! Keep it in a waterproof bag.

Mess kit

A dependable mess kit will make your camp eating 100x better but you don't need to go overboard. A basic mug, fork/spoon, and bowl is all a scout should need.

Sunscreen

At least SPF 30

Quick Dry Towel

Towels can be used for everything! When you need to dry off after a shower, sit down in some grass, or create a pillow, a towel can do it.

Camp Pillow

If you're short on backpack space, don't worry. You can create a makeshift pillow by bunching some clean clothes.

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Clothing

Winter is no joke in Colorado. Always pack quick dry (no cotton) clothes, wear ample layers and carry extras.

Daily Clothing:

- Your full Class-A Scout Uniform
- 1 pair of pants for every day
- 1 shirt per day (Troop shirt, if you have one)
- 1 pair of thermal underwear (tops and bottom) per day
- 2-3 pairs of wool socks more than the number of days you'll be camping
- Thermal socks(to wear under heavier wool socks)
- Sun Hat
- Sunglasses or goggles (ideally sunglasses should wrap around and block out as much light as possible especially when camping in snowy environments at altitude)
- Waterproof snow pants
- waterproof snow jacket
- waterproof snow gloves
- light thermal layer gloves
- Warm winter hat.

Sleep/Spare Clothes:

- 1 pair of loose sleep pants
- 1 quick-drying long sleeve shirt

Weather Protection:

- 1 light waterproof rain jacket or poncho
- 1 Warm and fast-drying jacket (Fleece blend, nylon, or polyester)

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Trash Bags	Trash bags are great for quickly waterproofing your belongings or storing dirty clothes. They also take up very little space and also weigh almost nothing.
Nylon Paracord	Extra rope is always useful during a camp out. You can use it to secure your tent, create a clothesline, or complete your advancement requirements.
An 8'x10' Tarp	Tarps are inexpensive, lightweight and prepare you for the worst of situations.
Extra Socks	Running out of clean or dry socks is one of the worst things that can happen when camping. Socks don't take up much space and can even be double-layered at night if the weather becomes too cold. Pack extra socks. Please!
A Small Folding Stool	An optional item, a small stool means you'll always have a place to sit, whether you're cooking, eating, or relaxing.
Notebook & pencils	Always good to have around for advancement or journaling.
Winter Boots or Hiking Boots w/ Gators	Winter boots must be water proof, sturdy, and above all, comfortable for the scout. Nothing ruins a camping trip faster than blisters and cold/wet feet. If using hiking boots make sure to get a good pair of gators to keep the snow out and the feet warm.
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Toiletries

Since camp toiletry kits can get pretty gross quickly, use a quart-sized plastic bag or toiletry kit to pack your toiletries. You'll need:

Dental Care:

- A Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Floss or Floss-picks
- Mouthwash (optional)

Hygiene:

- Deodorant
- Body Wash
- Shampoo (optional)
- Nail Clippers (optional but surprisingly useful)

Additional:

- A Washcloth
- Hand Sanitizer
- Feminine Products (if applicable)

Medications

Check with your scoutmaster to see if your scout needs to check in their medication.