

Troop #362 Campout Checklist

Weather: What will the temperatures be? High _____ Low _____
 Is rain in the forecast? _____ If unsure, pack for rain!

Pack Done Sleeping

		Tomorrows underwear Or sleeping clothes
		Tomorrows socks or sleeping socks
		Knit cap
		Sleeping bag (20 ~ 35 °F synthetic mummy)
		Sleeping bag liner or sheet (optional)
		Sleeping pad
		Pillow (optional)
		Tent (you or your buddy)
		Ground Cloth

Hygiene

		Tooth-brush / Tooth-paste
		Dental floss
		Soap
		Towel or chamois and wash cloth
		Comb or Hairbrush
		Deodorant
		Trowel & TP (for backpacking)

Qty Done Clothing

		Class A shirt
		Class A shorts / Belt
		Class A socks
		Neckerchief & Slide
		Hat with brim for shade
		Class B shirt
		Long sleeve shirt
		Long Pants
		Hiking Socks (& liners)
		Under wear
		Hiking Boots or sturdy shoes
		2 nd pair of shoes or boots (in case first pair gets wet)
		Swim Suit
		Old Clothes & Shoes (For summer camp muck hike)

Pack Done Food & Prep

		Cup or Mug
		Trail Food / Snacks (do not store in tent)
		Mess kit (for backpacking)
		Utensils (for backpacking: cooking & eating)
		Biodegradable Soap (for backpacking)

Pack Done Outerwear & Cold Weather

		Polar fleece, wool sweater, and/or sweatshirt
		Poncho or Rain Jacket
		Rain Pants (optional)
		Long underwear
		Gloves or Mittens
		Warm Jacket (with hood)
		Warm Hat

Pack Done Scout Gear

		Back Pack or Duffel Bag
		Footlocker & Lock (Summer Camp)
		Plastic Bags (for dirty clothes or to keep Back Pack or sleeping bag dry)
		Pocketknife or camp tool & Totem Chip
		First aid kit
		Sun Protection
		Water bottle or Canteen
		Flashlight
		Batteries
		Compass
		Whistle
		Fire starters, Matches & Firem'n Chit
		Scout Book
		Paper & pencil or pen (small notebook)
		Clothes line or rope

Pack Done Optional Gear

		Insect Repellent (non aerosol)
		Chap stick
		Sun Glasses
		Prayer book or Bible
		Merit Badge Books
		Bird & Plant identification books

		Camera and Film
		Dry Bag (alternative - zip lock bags)
		Water Shoes (Canoeing or Rafting)
		Binoculars
		Musical Instrument
		Magnifying glass
		Fishing Pole & Gear
		Extra shoe laces (hiking or as needed)
		Weather radio

A generic list of stuff to keep outings safe and enjoyable. Balance "A Scout is Thrifty" with "Be prepared".

Gear Selection Suggestions

Clothing Dress for the outdoors by wearing layers so that you can adjust your clothing to match changing weather conditions and changes in your activity (hiking uphill versus sitting for lunch).

Fabrics for outdoor wear:

Wool can keep you warm even when it is damp from rain.

Cotton is good for warm, dry weather. Once wet, though, cotton will not keep you warm.

That can make it dangerous to wear on trips when conditions might turn chilly, rainy or snowy.

Many **synthetic** fabrics offer the comfort of cotton and the warmth of wool. Clothing made of polypropylene, polar fleece, and other modern materials can insulate you whether it is wet or dry. Look for these fabrics in long underwear, sweaters, vests, parkas, mittens, and hats.

Troop 362 policy is that no camouflage may be worn with any item of the Class A uniform. Camouflage may not be worn on certain hikes and outings.

First Aid Kit Refer to the Scout Handbook, page 289 in the 11th edition (copyright 1998).

Sleeping Bags Synthetic bags are strongly recommended. If a down bag gets wet, it may not be possible to dry it before the next night. A wet down bag does not provide insulation. [Bags may get wet in transportation (if not packed ideally for a hike) or if the bag touches the outside wall of a tent during the night.]

Mummy bags are typically lighter and warmer than rectangular bags. If you only have one bag, many people suggest a bag rated for 5 to 20 °F. During late spring and early fall a 30 – 35 °F bag may be plenty warm. Sleeping bag ratings presume that the bag is used on top of a pad or cot. A sleeping pad is recommended. A bag's rating may be extended with a sheet or sleeping bag liner inside, a blanket (even a space blanket) on top, or by wearing more dry clothing, socks and mittens inside the bag.

Tents Refer to the Scout Handbook, pages 236 – 241 in the 11th edition (copyright 1998).

Tents may be thought of as car camping tents or backpacking tents. Backpacking tents sacrifice spaciousness to achieve minimum weight. Small Dome tents approach the weight of backpacking tents and are used on occasional backpacking trips. Larger tents need to have the weight carefully divided between several scouts on backpacking trips. (Two people may feel crowded in a 2 person dome tent while they may feel comfortable in a 3 person dome tent.)

Tents are available for summer, winter, or other groups of seasons. Summer tents range from all mesh to several large mesh panels without nylon closures. Winter (4 season) or convertible tents have solid panels that may be used to reduce the amount of ventilation through the mesh. Most of Troop 362's recent campouts have been during spring and fall so tents designed for the heat of summer or the cold of winter were not needed.

Tents are available with full fly or partial fly. Note that if something inside the tent leans on the outer layer of the tent or the fly, moisture will come into the tent. This may be observed as "The foot of my sleeping bag was wet this morning." Tall Scouts or Scouters will want to select a tent that is several inches longer than they are (the walls of a tent seldom go straight up.)

While a full fly makes it less likely that water will come into the tent through the wall material, getting moisture out of the tent and fly remains a concern. As each of us breaths and perspires, we give off moisture. It is important that there is a way to vent this moisture out of the tent and out from under the fly. (Some tent designs may do better than others.) (Condensation inside the tent or under the fly indicates that more ventilation may be useful.)

Scouts often share tents with other Scouts, so lack of a tent should not cause anyone to miss a trip.