

BASIC OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT LIST

Troop 3 Recommends:

This list should be considered a minimum for most overnights trips:

- A good pair of shoes or boots and several pairs of socks
- Nalgene or water bottle (1 quart minimum) - the new “hydration packs” are popular, but not necessary yet
- Mess kit and silverware - a good start would be a plastic Tupperware bowl or plate, some Lexan or plastic silverware, and a durable plastic cup with a handle
- Sleeping bag and a sleeping pad - do NOT purchase a cot!
- Personal First Aid Kit - you can make this yourself using the lists in your Scout Handbook!
- Headlamp or small flashlight – (LED Headlamps are ideal)
- Rain suit or poncho
- Backpack - a good backpack can be very expensive; it is best to borrow one for a while to check out the different styles and sizes
- Toiletry kit - you can make this kit yourself using the lists in your Scout Handbook!
- Pocketknife (after Totin’ Chip is earned) - Scout-type knife ONLY
- Waterproof matches (after Firem’n Chit is earned) - strike anywhere matches in a waterproof holder is also OK

We know this seems like a lot of equipment, but it will all be used. You do not need to run out and buy all this equipment now. It will be needed before you can go on some of the outings. The Boy Scout Handbook is also a great resource and has extended lists. Please check out Chapter 9 “Camping”. If you have any questions about equipment or uniforms, contact the Scoutmaster, your patrol leader, or any ASM. Or just ask any of the older Scouts...