

“Universal” Camping Checklist (and potential GIFT list!)

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Basic

- Backpack *and* rain cover
- Batteries (radio/camera/flashlight)
- Belt(s)
- Biodegradable soap
- Boot/shoes/aquasocks?
- Bowl(s)
- Comb, brush
- Compass, GPS device
- Compressor bag for sleeping bag
- Cup (mug)
- Daypack / fanny pack
- Deodorant
- Duct tape
- Emergency shelter (tube tent/
space blanket)
- Eyeglass repair kit
- Fire starter
- First aid kit
- Flashlight/batteries/+extra bulb!
- Ground cloth
- Hat/cap/bandana
- Headlamp (?)
- Health form (?)
- ID/money/keys
- Knife/fork/spoon
- List of phone numbers (?)
- Long underwear
- Maps/charts
- Matches/lighter
- Mattress/pad
- Merit Badge books (?)
- Mirror/whistle
- Moleskin
- Name stake/peg
- Nylon cord (3/16+” x 25’)
- Pad & pencil
- Pants & belt
- Permission slip (?)
- Personal hygiene products
- Plastic bags (extras!)
- Pocketknife
- Prescription medicines
- Rain gear / poncho
- Rope (1/4+” x 50’)
- Rubber bands, assorted
- Scout handbook
- Scout uniform/sash/neckerchief
- Sewing kit (w/ safety pins!)
- Shirts
- Shorts
- Sleeping bag, pillow
- Socks (thin & heavy)
- Space blanket (for emergency)
- Stuff sacks

- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen & lip balm
- Sweater / sweatshirt
- Swimsuit
- Tarp/rope
- Tent/pegs/poles
- Toilet paper / Kleenex
- Toothbrush/paste
- Towel/washcloth
- Trash bags
- Underwear
- Watch
- Water bottles
- Water purifier
- Work gloves

Accessories

- Altimeter/barometer
- Baby wipes
- Binoculars
- Broom for tent
- Bugle?
- Camera/film/batteries
- Camp chair
- Candles
- Cell phone
- Clothespins
- Emergency rations
- Field guides (plants, birds, etc.)
- Flare
- Gaiters
- Hammock
- Hand shovel
- Headlamp/batteries
- Insect repellent/nets
- Lantern w/ extra mantles
- License (fish/hunting)
- Lighter
- Maps
- Propane torch
- Radio (weather, 2-way)
- Rain gauge
- Saw/ax
- Scissors
- Seam sealer
- Sharpening stone
- Shovel/trowel
- Staff/walking stick
- Thermometer
- Tools
- Utility multi-tool
- Welcome mat/pad for shoes

Food/cooking

- BBQ lighter
- Can opener
- Cooking oil
- Dining fly, poles, & stakes
- Dutch ovens, stands
- D.O. lid lifter & pliers
- Foil
- Food *and* beverages
- Frying pan (big 20”)
- Fuel containers & FUNNEL
- Fuel for stove/grill
- Grill + griddle
- Pot grip/mitt
- Pots & pans
- Spatula
- Stove
- Tripod (with grill)
- Water carriers
- Ziplock bags

With Vehicle

- Balls/bats/mitts
- Bar-B-Q & fuel/starter
- Battery charger/tester
- Cookbook
- Extra fuel/gas cans
- Extra stakes, poles, patching
- Fireplace grill/stand
- Fishing pole & tackle
- Folding table
- Guns/ammo
- Horseshoes, games
- Ice chest *and* ice
- Jumper cables
- Road maps
- Rope/chain
- Shade/screen tent

Boating/rafting

- Floating strap for eyeglasses
- Life jacket
- Watertight pack/bag
- Waterproof camera case
- Waterproof map case

Winter

- Gloves/mittens
- Hat
- Hand warmers/fuel
- Sleds
- Snow shovel
- Snowshoes/skis

This is obviously not an outing-specific list but remember the following advice:

“If in doubt, *don’t* leave it out!” Or, as some like to say, *be prepared.*