

Troop 497 Camping Trip Personal Gear List

This is a general gear list for a typical weekend camping trip. You should take your flashlight and rain gear in the car with you. Personal gear is the last thing off the trailers and it is often dark when you are setting up your tents. If it starts raining on the way down your rain gear will not be available to you if it is in the trailers.

Item

Scout Uniform

Notes

full uniforms are worn when traveling to and from weekend activities unless specifically told otherwise

Duffle bag or sports bag for gear

no frame packs are allowed in tents, soft bags are allowed

Outdoor Essentials

Water Bottle, filled

a 1 liter bottle is enough for most weekends, bring more on hiking and backpacking trips

Flashlight

always keep this on you while traveling so you have it when you arrive

Rain gear

jacket and pants are preferred but a poncho will work

Pocket knife

may carry only if you have Totin Chip

Rope

10-20 feet of small rope or thick cord

Personal First Aid Kit

bandaids, chapstick, moleskin, etc. - supplies for minor injuries only, Troop carries medical supplies and will administer first aid to Scouts

Work gloves, leather or cotton

Clothing

Supplement this list based on the expected weather conditions

All clothing should be weather appropriate. Your clothing needs will depend on the trip. However, you should always plan to dress in layers so that your clothing becomes more versatile as weather conditions change.

Shirts and pants or shorts

T-shirts and underwear, at least two pair

Jacket, sweater, fleece

depending on conditions

Socks

At least three pairs of cotton socks, or wool socks when cold

Sturdy hiking shoes or boots

waterproof boots are best when it rains, make sure they are broken in

Extra shoes

to wear around camp e.g., tennis shoes

Pajama's or sweats (optional)

you must have something clean and dry at night when it is cold

Hat

knit or fleece hats if it is cold and for sleeping at night, baseball hats or hats with a full brim for other times

Sleeping bag

you may need to supplement this with blankets when it is cold

Sleeping pad or foam pad or Blanket

to insulate you from the cold ground and provide comfort

Pillow

optional

Eating and cleanliness

Knife, fork and spoon

Lexan or tough plastic is best because it doesn't get hot

Bowl and plate

plastic is best because it doesn't get hot, avoid metal

Cup suitable for cold or hot drinks

an inexpensive plastic insulated mug is great

Soap

camp suds is biodegradable and a little goes a long way

Small towel and wash cloth

Toothbrush, toothpaste, and dental floss

Personal Extras

Medications

all personal medications must be given to the adult responsible for medications for the weekend

Camera

optional, inexpensive recommended

Scout Handbook

place the book in a zip lock bag to keep it dry and clean

Watch

needed to be on time to events

Pen and paper

a small notebook is a good choice

Small bottle of sun screen

especially if it's sunny and you are prone to sunburn

Sun glasses

optional

Refer to the Scout Handbook and Fieldbook for additional hiking and camping information.