


What to Bring to Camp

Scoutmaster Markups of the Camp Manatoc Leader Manual page.

- ___ Scout Uniform
Class A uniform is required for dinners in the Dining Hall & evening retreat/parade.
- ___ Underwear (at least 6 changes)
- ___ Socks (at least 6 changes)
Plus some “extra” in a separate baggy in case all the others are wet. Dry socks can really make things seem better.
- ___ Old Clothes
Don’t know what this is for except as it applies to the “Swimming Merit Badge” item in the “Optional” section below. Scouts will need a few T-shirts and possibly a long-sleeved shirt. Shorts can last the week unless they’re wet. A long legged pair of pants can help if it turns cold or is very buggy.
- ___ Pajamas
Or clean shorts and a Tshirt. Best to have a separate set that are used only for sleeping. Avoids drawing animals & bugs with food smells on clothes worn during the day.
- ___ Swim Suit (Towel listed later.)
- ___ Jacket
Light weight. Can be used to keep bugs off or to ward off a chill when combined with the sweatshirt listed below.
- ___ Sweatshirt
- ___ Heavy Shoes
This means “stiff soled” or “supportive” shoes or hiking boots (not sneakers). In years past, stiff shoes/hiking boots probably meant a couple of pounds but that’s not the case anymore. The ground and paths are uneven in many places. Supportive shoes/boots make the feet less tired than sneakers. Some badges have hiking requirements.
- ___ Sneakers or Moccasins
A separate pair of footwear for when the primary pair are wet. Something to put on quickly for around camp.
- ___ Rain Gear
Something that can be carried with the scout on days that look like it might pour. Will need to cover the legs as well so a rain jacket with pants or a poncho is recommended.
- ___ Completed Health Forms (Class 1 & 2)
- ___ Prescription Medicine (original vial)
- ___ Inhalers, bee sting kit if prescribed
If something is listed on the health form, the scout needs to bring it to camp. Unexpired.
- ___ Reusable cup or mug.
The dining hall provides plastic cups for use there. Bring a cup for the drinks available at camp and to use for teeth brushing.
- ___ Toothbrush and Toothpaste
- ___ Soap
- ___ Deodorant
- ___ Towel(s)
- ___ Cot or Air Mattress
Recommend a cot. If you’re going to buy a cot, the Coleman style is recommended because the  style legs can be used in troop tents on later camps but an “X” style leg isn’t allowed in troop tents because the feet can tear through tent floors.
- ___ (3) Blankets or Sleeping Bag
Recommend a Sleeping bag. If you’re buying a new one, and you won’t be getting a separate one for winter camps, get one rated for 0° and bring a light blanket with it to summer camp.
- ___ Pillow
- ___ Insect Lotion
No sprays are allowed near the tents. No aerosols are allowed by the scouts because of the fire hazard.

Limit DEET to 10 to 25% because DEET melts plastics – including clothing, knife handles, compasses, watch faces, etc.
- ___ Sunscreen Lotion
- ___ Flashlight
And spare batteries.
- ___ Scout Handbook
- ___ Merit Badge Booklets
The troop has a large collection for “standard” Summer Camp badges. Check the box before camp or plan on bringing extra money to buy them at camp.
- ___ Pencil and Paper
Many badges have writing or drawing “homework”. Bring an old school spiral notebook and some pencils.
- ___ Bible or Prayer Book
If it fits your family traditions.
- ___ Written Paperwork for badges to be finished at camp
If your badge has prerequisites that you need to research and write-up (library or computer research), remember to bring it to camp.
- ___ Materials needed to complete merit badges
Or money to buy them at the Trading Post. If you have a special craft you’ve chosen from the Scout Catalog and won’t like working on one of the other kits, bring your chosen craft kit to camp with you because the Trading Post may be limited.

OPTIONAL

A hat
If your scout will wear one, scouts can get cooked walking around in the sun.

Ground Cloth

Better: a camp chair or lawn chair

Fishing Equipment

Postcards and Stamps

More suited for out-of-town camps.

Cook Kit

Mess kit is handy for snacks and other food prepared at the camp site

Compass

Recommend one with a flat base that can be used to orient a map rather than a Lensatic or electronic.

Small Bag

Can be used to haul stuff around to back-to-back badges or hold swim stuff.

For Swimming Merit Badge

Bring an extra long-sleeved shirt and long legged pants to use in the “make a floatation aid” exercise. Can be larger than need to wear.

Money Baggy or wallet.

Scouts tend to lose their money at camp. A wallet or a Ziploc bag with their name on it will at least keep it together. Small bills work best so that scouts can take only the amount they intend to spend.