

Boy Scouts of America

Troop **804**

Millersville, Maryland
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Personal Camping Gear Checklist

Always Bring

<input type="checkbox"/> Scout Handbook <input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle <input type="checkbox"/> Mess kit <input type="checkbox"/> Eating utensils (fork, knife, spoon) <input type="checkbox"/> Drinking cup (often in mess kit) <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight or headlamp (with extra batteries) <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag (rated to expected temp minus 10) <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping pad (foam pad or air pad) <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet paper in Ziploc bag (just in case) <input type="checkbox"/> Class A Uniform (Scouts travel in class A uniform) <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare for colder than expected; it can get cool at night	<input type="checkbox"/> Rain jacket or rain poncho <input type="checkbox"/> Personal toiletries (soap, hand towel, hand sanitizer, handkerchief, lip balm, comb, deodorant, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush & toothpaste (mandatory – will be used!) <input type="checkbox"/> Note pad and pen/pencil <input type="checkbox"/> Weather appropriate clothing (see below) <input type="checkbox"/> Pocketknife (no sheath knives) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ only if Scout brings or will work on Totin' Chip <input type="checkbox"/> Backpack (or duffel bag) to transport gear <input type="checkbox"/> Garbage bags (for storage and/or keeping things dry) <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking boots or other rough soled shoes (must be closed)
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Optional Items

<input type="checkbox"/> Camping pillow <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen (non-aerosol) <input type="checkbox"/> Bug spray (non-aerosol) <input type="checkbox"/> Compass / whistle	<input type="checkbox"/> Baseball cap / sunglasses <input type="checkbox"/> Mirror <input type="checkbox"/> Camp stool <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves
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Prohibited Items – Do not Bring

<input type="checkbox"/> Aerosols <input type="checkbox"/> Fire accelerants (lighter fluid, gasoline, kerosene, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Food / candy / snacks (except as directed) <input type="checkbox"/> Electronics – games, music players, video devices, etc.
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Other

<input type="checkbox"/> All items should be labeled with name <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Always</u> at least 1 sweatshirt and 1 pair of long pants <input type="checkbox"/> Closed shoes required; boots recommended	<input type="checkbox"/> Always have separate sleeping clothes <input type="checkbox"/> Always have extra socks and underwear
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Colder Weather

<input type="checkbox"/> Keeping dry is key! Extra clothes in case things get wet! <input type="checkbox"/> Think layers, especially for colder weather <input type="checkbox"/> Avoid cotton – best is polypropylene, wool, nylon, etc. <input type="checkbox"/> Knit hat, something to cover ears and neck <input type="checkbox"/> Very warm winter coat <input type="checkbox"/> Base layers x3 <input type="checkbox"/> Cold-weather gloves (ie. not thin) <input type="checkbox"/> Thick socks (wool is best) x3 <input type="checkbox"/> Long underwear (polypropylene, wool, etc.) x2	<input type="checkbox"/> Low-temp sleeping bag (rated to 0 degrees* if possible) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Or, layer a 2nd bag or quilt over the sleeping bag** <input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade sleeping pad (ie. 2 foam pads, insulated air pad) <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated knit hat, sweatpants & sweatshirt for sleeping <input type="checkbox"/> Mid-layer (fleece, wool) x1 or x2 <input type="checkbox"/> Under jacket (ie. thin puffy coat, vest) (optional) <input type="checkbox"/> Long pants x2 or x3 <input type="checkbox"/> Hand-warmers (optional)
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* Sleeping bag ratings are very variable and usually assume the sleeper is wearing long (and dry) clothing and is using a good pad underneath; a general rule of thumb is to expect comfort down to about 10-15 degrees above the bag rating

** this is a great way to go, works quite well, easier to prevent overheating; cheap fleece bags (\$15) from Walmart or Dick's are a great way to improve warmth but for very cold nights, even better might be a cheap rectangular "35 degree" bag (Walmart sells for \$18) which can be a double bag or unzipped into a giant comforter.