

**Suggested Packing List** for Weekend Family Camping in Spring/Summer/Fall - please meet with your fellow participants and parents to COORDINATE ahead of time. Some gear can be shared and you don't have to GO OUT AND BUY new gear just because you don't have it. **Plan SMART! Be Prepared! Communicate with each other FIRST!**

#### EACH PARTICIPANT SHOULD BRING

- Change of clothes per day + one extra
  - Socks, underwear, extra t-shirts, shorts
  - 1 pair of jeans or long pants
  - Your Scout uniform
- Comfortable closed-toe shoes or hiking boots
- Hat, sunglasses
- TWO reusable water bottles or sports bottles
- Bug repellent, sunscreen (35 SPF or higher)
- Sleeping bag, ground pad or camping mattress
- **Tent** (suggest a 4-man or 6-man dome style tent)
- Rain jacket or poncho
- FLASHLIGHT
- TWO towels (one for swimming, one for shower)
- Shower shoes or flip flops
- Personal toiletries
  - Shampoo, soap, wash cloth
  - Toothbrush, toothpaste
  - Shaving kit
- Appropriate swimwear (if swimming and boating is available during your event)
- **You should be able to fit all of your gear (except sleeping gear and tent) in ONE large duffle bag and ONE small day pack or backpack**
- Some items may be available in the TRADING POST, open during most Council/District events throughout the year and during Summer Camp programs. Be sure to bring some spending money.



#### Meals/Cooking - COORDINATE THIS LIST with your fellow participants ahead of time!

- Two burner camp stove and propane, alternatively you can use a trail grate over one of our provided fire pits and cook open fire! Provide your own CHARCOAL and chimney starter (Scouts should NEVER use liquid lighter fluid).
- Large pot, large skillet or pan, coffee pot, dutch oven and needed accessories
- Cooking utensils, eating utensils, re-usable plates and bowls (we ask that you LIMIT the use of paper and disposable products for conservation and waste management purposes while at camp!)
- Wash basin, rinse basin, dish soap, sanitizer (potable running water available in all sites)
- Generic herbs and spices, basic condiments like ketchup and mustard (again, coordinate this with your fellow participants)

- Large plastic tote with snap-on or lockdown lid to store food. Large chest cooler be sure to pick up ICE before (ice is not available at camp)
- 5 gallon drink cooler for ice water (you can borrow one from camp if needed)
- Small folding table (there are picnic tables, but remember that you may be sharing your campsite space)
- Pop-up canopy or dining fly - optional/reccomended
- Kitchen-sized TRASH BAGS (13 gal draw-string)

### LEAVE AT HOME

- Expensive personal electronics
- Jewelry or other items of high value
- Extra snacks or food (stick to your menu, DO NOT STORE any food items in your tent! This is the wilderness and we have critters that will attempt to enter and damage your property!)
- Sodas or sugary drinks, bottled water, single-serve foods (to limit trash)
- NO ALCOHOL. NO TOBACCO products should be used in the campsites or around program areas, smoking is allowed in designated area only
- Large Knives or weapons
- **You are responsible for securing your own personal gear and effects**

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