

SUGGESTED PACKING LIST FOR WEEKEND SPRING CUB FAMILY CAMPING AT CAMP RAINEY MOUNTAIN

Please meet with your fellow families within your pack to COORDINATE ahead of time. Some gear can be shared or possibly borrowed from your local troop. **Plan SMART! Be Prepared! Communicate with each other FIRST!**

* Label everything (Name and Pack #). One water bottle (or flashlight or ...) looks just like **all** the other ones!

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE / VEHICLE USE

The safety of all attendees (youth, adults, volunteers, etc) is of primary concern. Personal vehicles (non-camp service) are not permitted to move around camp while camp is operating.

There is very limited handicapped parking available near the parade field, but not near any campsite or activity station. A Georgia issued handicapped placard or a car license plate so indicating is required to use these **limited, but not guaranteed spaces**. Once parked on Friday, there is no movement allowed until event departure. **Within your family's registration, please note the request for a handicapped space.**

*A quick note about campsites and activity locations:
Lots of walking involved, and almost nothing is "flat."*

Remember that Camp Rainey Mountain is located in the mountains with rustic rocky/gravel unpaved roads and paths.

FAMILY check-in will happen on the front porch of the admin building; Lines will be by district. Each registered family will be issued a check-in packet. Only families that have checked in will be issued a temporary vehicle pass to unload on Friday evening. Passes must be returned upon passing back through the admin gate. Check-out will be done in a similar manner; each family **MUST** check-out with admin.

To facilitate quick and efficient loading and unloading of gear, please plan ahead with your pack!

*ONLY two vehicles per campsite will be permitted to unload/load at designated times (and done within 14 ½ minutes). A well-organized pack will plan ahead, consolidate large gear into a large vehicle (like a truck), and work together to unload/load that.

Campsites are shared by several units. Personal trailers are NOT permitted. Unit trailers are highly discouraged as they take up valuable campsite and parking space. Trailer guides and assistance is only available during CRM's summer camp. Be considerate, be organized, be prepared.

**Once the camp gate closes on Friday after Friday's check-in / on-site registration (estimated close time 10:30 PM), the gate to the campsites will not re-open until 15 minutes AFTER the ending of Saturday night's campfire – for any families departing on Saturday evening. Gates will close again by 10:30 PM. Gates reopen for Sunday morning departure. Please do not overpack. Consider bringing a wagon (larger wheels work best), that is sturdy enough to help transport your items on Saturday if you plan to leave before campfire.

***Arriving Saturday? **You are walking any gear to your campsite.**

EACH PARTICIPANT SHOULD BRING

- BSA Medical Form A & B (okay if in the pack binder that gets submitted at the leader meeting)
- Change of clothes per day + one extra
- 1 pair of jeans or long pants; shorts for warmer weather
- Socks (hiking/walking thickness/style may be preferred), underwear.
- Scout uniforms (Field/A and Activity Pack Shirt/B)
- Broken in (not brand new) athletic shoes or hiking shoes. closed toe/heel. For Friday through Sunday activities.
 - Many of the pathways between activities are gravelly or rocky.
- Hat, sunglasses, Bug repellent, sunscreen (35 SPF or higher)
- Reusable water bottle
- Rain jacket or poncho
- FLASHLIGHT
- Cash for trading post
- First Aid Kit (a small one per participant for the day pack; a larger one for the pack)
 - The camping event has medical personnel as part of its staff. Anything requiring more than a clean water wash and a band-aid should be brought to the attention of the Camp Health staff in the Admin building.
- ONE towel (one for shower)
- Shower shoes or flip flops – for shower purposes
- Personal toiletries: Shampoo, soap, wash cloth, Toothbrush, toothpaste, hygiene items; "An extra roll" is always a good thought.
- **Fishing Pole & Bait (Camp is CATCH & RELEASE.)**
- 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
- Positive and Open Minded Attitude (A scout is cheerful!)

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. No firearms, no personal ammunition, no bow/arrows)

You are responsible for securing your own personal gear and effects.

WHERE IS MY FAMILY SLEEPING?

Spring Family Camps: Spring Family Camp is open to all cub scout families, from the entire council. Therefore campsites will have multiple units assigned to it. Most families registering by mid-April will likely be assigned the same campsites as others from their pack.

Due to the large number of units and families attending, every family should plan on bringing their own tent and other camping gear. There are a very limited number of Adirondacks (3 sided shelter with bunk beds) at some campsites. Again, every family should bring their own tent and other camping gear.

BRING Camping Gear

- Tent (suggest a 4-man or 6-man dome style tent).
- Sleeping bag, (or blankets). Adirondacks have bunkbeds. (Adirondacks are NOT guaranteed for any particular family or unit.)
- Medium Tarp to larger tarp to either use as a ground cloth for your tent, or to use as the "door" (windbreak) for the Adirondack.
- Add a ground pad or camping mattress to provide a warmth/comfort layer between your sleeping bag/tent floor.

MEALS/COOKING

Food Safety: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/food-borne-illness/>

Camp-Fire Safety: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/camp-fire-safety/>

COORDINATE THIS LIST with your fellow participants ahead of time, especially cooking equipment! Food is NOT included in the event registration fee, nor is the dining hall open. Units and families need to plan and bring their own food for the weekend. Some packs plan and coordinate the weekend's meals. Some coordinate just one communal meal. Some prefer families do all planning and cooking on their own due to allergies, special dietary needs and accommodations. Please ask your pack and den leader regarding this. There will likely be an additional cost to reimburse any food for communal purposes.

FIRE RINGS / CAMPFIRE:

- Each campsite has an established fire ring. Units are permitted to use that for cooking.
- Firewood. Most campsites have available firewood lying around the campsite.
- Chopping wood and bushes is done by the Camp Ranger only.

Families (unless planned by Den or Pack) should BRING...

- **Nutritious FOOD** for the whole weekend. Most families eat before their Friday arrival and bring a Friday evening snack. Plan for 3 meals on Saturday and a Saturday snack. Plan for a lighter Sunday breakfast.
 - Suggestions: Snacks: Fruit or Trail Mix. Saturday lunch – sandwiches and canned soup (fast, easy); Sunday breakfast: fast cook oatmeal, cereal boxes/bowls, pop tarts. Saturday Dinner: something warmer
- Cooler (and ice) and sturdy/lockable Dry Food Storage Container. Think SAFE. Cold foods need to be kept cold. Dry foods kept dry. All foods cooked safely (temperature, cleaning etc). Leftovers stored properly. All food prep and meal areas cleaned and sanitized thoroughly and properly.
 - Camp Rainey Mountain is in its natural environment. Which means insects and wildlife...
- A sturdy trash bag, ie a contractor bag. If at all possible, if you pack it in, please pack it out. Otherwise, there is a dumpster in the lower parking lot. LEAVE NO TRACE!
- A (small) camp stove and propane, alternatively you can use a trail grate over one of the provided fire pits and cook open fire! Provide your own CHARCOAL and chimney starter (Scouts should NEVER use liquid lighter fluid).
- Packs should consider at least a two burner camp stove.
- Pot, 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)

Packs should especially remember:

That since each campsite is shared/occupied by several packs, strongly consider bringing

- “signage” for your pack (think for YOUR portable table, canopy, pack level items)
- Pop-up canopy or dining fly - optional/recommended
- a small folding picnic table
- 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)
- Gallon drink cooler for ice water

MEDICAL NEED FOR ELECTRICITY? (ie cpap). Most campsites have at least one outlet. These are often either at a pavilion or near the entrance to the campsite. If you need the outlet, please plan on bringing a very long (50 ft +) outdoor extension cord. Please also let your unit leader know, so that if they need to ask someone to switch spots with your family...they are prepared.

*Make sure you put the request in as part of your family's registration.

First time Camping? Or Need a Refresher?

Visit this article on First Time Camping for your entire family for more helpful tips and best practices: <https://www.scouting.org/cubhub/this-makes-first-time-camping-not-so-scarvy/>