

General Car Camping List

“Car Camping” refers to short overnight trips where the campground will be relatively close to the car. Car camping is very flexible. It is similar to Cub Camping. The following list are basic recommendation.

List of Essentials

Basic Tent Camping List

Tent. Some bring plastic for underneath tent. Also a small hammering tool

Typically an inexpensive two man tent for “car” camping. Larger tent for families.

Sleeping bag, small pillow & sleeping pad

The boys usually do not bring air mattresses. However, inflatable pads are much more comfortable than the foam pads. For small scouts, the foam pad seems to work just fine.

Sitting pad or folding chair (with name on it)

Mess Kit

Includes: drinking cup/bowl/pot (Combo kit available at most stores that have camping stuff)

Spoon (plastic)

Flashlight

Pocket Knife

Trash bag

Pocket first aid kit (with emergency whistle)

Boy Scout Handbook (for ranks under First Class) Please place in a water proof zip bag

Basic Clothing (Non-cotton clothing for most trips)

Two each:

T-shirts, shorts (one pair can be swim shorts if applies), underwear, socks

Shoes (one pair for water, the other for general wear)

Poncho or lightweight rain jacket just in case of rain or an afternoon shower

Dry (spare clothes) should be stored in a plastic bag or large zip lock bag

Personal Hygiene

Toiletries:

Toothpaste and brush

Soap, towel, comb

Sunscreen lotion

Bug Repellent (with Deet)

Handi wipes or packs of hand wash to use before meals

Food

Meals are typically supplied for car camping trips. Please contact the Tour Leader to see what meals will be supplied at camp or purchased on the road.

Forbidden at Camp

Electronics

Sheath knife

Aerosol cans

Canoe/Rafting Tips

1. Wear shoes that tie or water shoes....a lot of people loose flip-flops. Sport shoes get heavy and uncomfortable. Your times out of the canoe will usually be in running water that will likely take your lose shoes. Light weight water shoes are relatively inexpensive at the discount stores.
2. Pack all items that you are bring on the canoe/raft in a water proof bag (dry bag) that you don't want to get wet. Tie this bag to the canoe. Leave things you don't want to loose; such as, rings, watches, billfolds, money, necklaces, etc. at camp.
3. Bring towels and dry clothes and personal items for after the trip. The river water can sometimes leave an unpleasant smell on your clothes. Either bring clothes line to hang you clothes try after the water trip or bring a trash bag to put your clothes and shoes for the trip home so not to smell up your tent or car.
4. There are usually no fast food restaurants within miles of these trips. Purchase ice before you arrive. Sometimes a camp store is available but don't count on it.
5. Bring sun screen, bug spray and a hat. Also, a small first aid kit for and cuts, scratches or even potential snake bits. An emergency whistle is a good idea. Always be prepared.
6. Bring something to keep glasses or sunglasses (another plastic zip lock bag)
7. If you are with a group, plan for a lead and a tail canoe, and no one should get out from between them. Walkie talkies can help communication. (keep in a water proof bag)
10. All fisherman must have a fishing license, the fine for fishing without a license is quite high.
11. All participants must wear a life jacket at all times. (Supplied by outfitters)
12. Bring a sturdy rope in the case you group finds a good water hole. Never dive into the water. Scouts are only allowed to swing out over the water on a rope with a life vest on and adults nearby.