

Preparing for the First Camping Trip

More information, checklists, and gear suggestions are on the troop website at:
<https://www.williamsburgtroop20.org/>

First Camping Trip Suggested Gear List

Once you gather your clothing and gear: **PUT YOUR NAME OR INITIALS ON
EVERYTHING**

Clothing

- Class A uniform (wear to/from ALL camping trips)
 - Class A shirt
 - Troop neckerchief
 - Troop ball cap
 - Scout pants
- Raingear (separate top and pants)
- Long pants
- Long sleeve shirt
- Underwear
- Footwear
- Plastic bags as shoe liners (considering that it may rain)
- Liner socks (thin, synthetic) 3 pair
- Outer socks (thick for insulating) 3 pair
- Long underwear (synthetic)
- Sleepwear
- Wool or synthetic stocking cap
- Sweater/sweat shirt (preferably synthetic)
- Coat
- Gloves (including a pair of leather work gloves for both summer and winter trips)

Equipment

- Scout Handbook
- Sleeping bag
- Sleeping pad
- 1 qt or 1 liter water bottle (NOT metal)
- Cup (indestructible)
- A single bowl (indestructible) for meals (“mess kits” are more trouble than they are worth and are soon abandoned for a simpler, single bowl)
- A single spoon or spork

- Small flashlight (headlamps are popular for “hands free” operation)
- NEW batteries
- 4 pieces of 1/8 inch nylon cord (parachute), each ten feet in length
- Compass (ex., Suunto M-3 Field Compass) on a lanyard
- Whistle on a lanyard
- Personal first aid kit (see Troop website Documents / Camping Hiking Checklists)
- Personal hygiene items
- 1/2 roll of toilet paper in plastic bag
- Small bottle of hand sanitizer
- Pen/pencil
- Small notebook
- Duct tape (about five feet, wrapped around a short pencil)

Pocket Knife: Not necessary for this trip, but should you desire to equip your Scout with a knife a good example is the Swiss Army Tinker Pocket Knife (\$20.00). This knife has all the “blades” one will ever need on a camping trip and a lanyard ring. Should your Scout bring a pocket knife on this camping trip, the knife will be held by Troop leadership until your Scout earns his Totin Chit.

All gear should be packed into a single “container”. A duffle-type bag is sufficient, but avoid anything with hard, inflexible sides, such as a suitcase.