**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 INTIALS 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.

**ELECTRONICS, OF ANY TYPE, ARE NOT PERMITTED ON CAMPING TRIPS**