

## Your First Outdoor Campout

**Note:** For your first campout, just bring as much of the following equipment as you already own or can borrow. You will need a sleeping bag and a closed-cell foam camp sleeping mat right away, but try not to buy any other new equipment until you have been on a couple campouts and had a chance to talk to your Scoutmaster about what to buy.

\_\_\_ **CLASS A BOY SCOUT UNIFORM** (Scouts must always travel to and from any outing in their class A uniform for liability reasons)

\_\_\_ **CLASS B TROOP 282 UNIFORM** (T-Shirt)

\_\_\_ **BACKPACK** (and/or large Sports Equipment Bag, and/or Duffel Bag). Line it with a plastic trash bag first, to keep contents dry.

\_\_\_ **SLEEPING BAG**

\_\_\_ **CLOSED-CELL FOAM CAMP SLEEPING PAD** (\$7, Walmart's camping section).

\_\_\_ **RAINCOAT**

\_\_\_ **WARM JACKET** (for night).

\_\_\_ **EXTRA PAIR PANTS** (non-cotton, if possible -- check the tags for polyester, nylon, or other synthetics)

\_\_\_ **WOOL SWEATER, or POLYESTER SWEATSHIRT** (about \$3 at Thrift Stores).

\_\_\_ **LONG SLEEVE SHIRT** (Wool or synthetic fiber for insulating quality/quick drying-\$3 at thrift stores).

\_\_\_ **SHORT SLEEVE SHIRT**

\_\_\_ **UNDERWEAR**

\_\_\_ **WARM HAT** (to wear at night when you sleep)

\_\_\_ **GOOD QUALITY WHISTLE** on neck chain.

\_\_\_ **MESS-KIT (BOWL, CUP, FORK, SPOON, PLATE -- (plastic keeps food warmer than metal).**

\_\_\_ **2 ONE-QUART WATER BOTTLES**, filled ("Nalgene" Bottles are the most dependable).

\_\_\_ **FLASHLIGHT & EXTRA BATTERIES**, (headband style keeps hands free)

\_\_\_ **SMALL FIRST AID KIT** (You can make your own: *BSA Handbook*, Page 289).

\_\_\_ **PEN & POCKET NOTEPAD**, (No, you can't borrow ours), ***BSA HANDBOOK*** (Free when you join)

\_\_\_ **CLEAN-UP KIT** (Small Hand Soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Comb, Floss, Fast-Drying Camp Towel).

\_\_\_ **TOILET PAPER** (Half a roll in a Zip-Lock bag).

**Always pack for one season *COLDER* than now!**

**Avoid cotton clothes (like blue jeans and cotton sweatshirts) for outdoor use.**