

Winter Camping Packing List

The key to being comfortable in winter is to have many layers of clothing, to put on or take off as temperatures change.

- SLEEPING BAG: 1 zero degree mummy bag, OR 2 lighter-weight bags, one inside the other. (An alternative is 1 sleeping bag and several blankets.)
- Closed cell foam pad
- TWO pair Wool (or wool-blend) Socks. Cotton athletic socks tend to get wet and lose their insulation value, thus resulting in cold feet and an unhappy Scout
- Synthetic sock liners to help keep feet dry and, thus, warm.
- Shoes Hiking boots are preferred. High-top “all leather” sneakers are acceptable if in good condition.
- Waterproof footwear, such as winter snow boots
- Long sleeve wool shirts are best but flannel shirts are a low-cost alternative.
- Wool sweater. Sweat shirt is not as good but is acceptable.
- Warm winter coat
- Ski hat or warm hood on coat **MUST HAVE TO GO**
- Warm gloves
- Work gloves (canvas or leather) NOTE: work gloves should not have plastic or vinyl content which melts when handling hot pots or fire implements.
- Rain suit or poncho (Ski jacket is NOT a substitute even if made of “Gore-Tex.” But a “Gore Tex” rain suit is okay) **MUST HAVE TO GO**
- Long pants
- Long underwear, tops and bottoms. Polypropylene are excellent & light weight. Cotton are not as good but are inexpensive at places like K-Mart.
- Underwear
- Sleep Wear (Sweat shirt and sweat pants are okay.)
- Scout shirt
- Scout Handbook
- Knot Rope
- Scout knife (if Scout has Tot’N’Chip)
- Canteen or Water Bottle
- Flashlight and Extra Batteries
- Compass
- Day pack
- Toiletry kit (soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, towel)