

Troop 317 Boy Scout Summer Camp Equipment List

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- Footlocker** - NO suitcases, large backpacks. Good options are black plastic footlockers (sold for ~\$18 in Wal-Mart automotive) or Rubbermaid Action Packers (15 to 20 gal).
 - Combination lock** strongly recommended for use in securing the lid (sorry to say). Memorize the combo, give it to a designated Scout leader (ASM), and keep it at home (be prepared).
 - "Class A" Dress uniform – Scout 'Field/Dress' shirt, Scout pants, Scout belt, Scout socks**
 - o worn to/from camp, then at camp daily for dinner & flag ceremonies, worship service, & campfire.
 - o Plastic hanger (for keeping shirt clean and neat).
 - Swimsuit – wear under Class A uniform on way to camp because swim test is done on arrival.
 - "Class B" Activity uniform** – worn daily; required items:
 - o 3-5 Scout-related "t-" or polo shirts - at least 1 Troop 317 red t-shirt required. (If scout does not have enough Scouting shirts, then any appropriate shirt is acceptable (*nothing suggestive, alcohol-related, nor ignorant*).
 - o 1-2 pair of shorts or slacks (in addition to Class A's and green khaki type)
 - Hiking boots or other sturdy shoes
 - o Sandals or any 'open-toe' shoes are never OK – **campers always need to wear closed toed shoes**.
 - o "flip-flops" recommended for in shower only – not to/from; "Crocs" OK, but not recommended for daily wear.
 - Water shoes or Sneakers for river rafting – again, must be closed toed!
 - Underwear (6-7 pairs) (use them!)
 - Socks (6-7 pairs)
 - Sweater or jacket (windbreaker type is great, fleece or sweatshirt/"hoody" OK)
 - Hat or cap
 - Rain gear (poncho or rain-suit)
 - Toiletries: soap, deodorant, towel, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss, deodorant, comb, washcloth, deodorant, shampoo, etc.
 - Towel(s) (for swimming & bathing)
 - Laundry bag (plastic garbage bag ok)
 - First-Aid kit (see pages 289-290 of the Boy Scout Handbook for the list of contents)
 - Water bottle** - to be carried at all times – stay hydrated!!
 - Flashlight with extra batteries/bulb
 - Sunscreen** (use it!)
 - Insect repellent (Non-Aerosol type)
 - Day-pack or book-bag-type knapsack (for daily use carrying poncho, books, towel, etc)
 - Light sleeping bag and/or couple(2-3) sheets & small Pillow - spring cots with plastic/ticking mattress is provided, but most Scouts cover over them with sleeping bag or blanket.
 - 50 feet nylon cord (for personal laundry line) and Clothes pins
 - Notepad, Pencils and/or pens
 - Bible
 - Boy Scout Handbook (11th edition.) in zip-lock bag (waterproof)
 - Zip-lock freezer bags (2 gallon) - for storage of small stuff and to keep things dry)
 - 1st-year Campers attending Mountain Man also need:
 - o Compass.
 - o Mess kit: utensils, plate, bowl and cup.
 - o Complete set of clothing for lifesaving training part of the Swimming merit badge training
 - shoes, socks, swim trunks, long pants, belt and long-sleeved shirt.
 - synthetic blends work better than cotton.
- Other items:
- o Merit Badge pamphlets - read before you arrive at camp
 - o Appropriate reading material & lamp or reading-light.
 - o Money for Trading Post - \$10-15 for snacks & "slushies"; more for souvenirs; \$5 & \$1 bills suggested;
 - extra money can be placed in an envelope for keeping by designated adult or ASM.
- Optional Items:
- o Fishing gear
 - o Disposable camera
 - o **No electronics** – including game-boy, ipod, psp, cell phone, mp3 player, etc, etc.

Notes:

- ******* All required Medications such as inhalers, Epi-Pens, Ritalin, etc. (even Tylenol), will be administered by adult leaders throughout the week at camp. Place medications in a zip lock bag with detailed instructions, Scout's name, and if possible, a photograph of the Scout.
- **LABEL EVERYTHING!!** Footlocker, socks, daypack, shoes, towels, etc - Rub-a-Dub marker recommended.
- Experience proves that all the items will & should fit into the footlocker, except sleeping bag, pillow, & daypack.
- **Swim test:** Scouts are classified as Swimmer, Beginner, non-Swimmer based upon their ability to complete First Class requirement 9b, Boy Scout Handbook pgs 154-159 – if necessary, multiple attempts are encouraged.
- The best way to prepare your new scouts for the Mountain Man program and the overnigher is to have them read the following chapters from the Boy Scout Handbook: Chapter 8 (hiking), 9 (camping) and 10 (cooking).