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# WEEKEND CAMPING CHECKLIST

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## Reservations

- Reserve campsite in advance, if possible
- Directions to campsite

## Packing it

- Duffel Bag, Backpack, daypack, and/or fanny pack
  - Bags - Tent bag, grocery bags, etc.
  - Cardboard boxes if needed
  - Ice Chests<sup>i</sup>
  - 5 gallon bucket or similar container
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## Lighting

- Maglight<sup>ii</sup> - The larger, the better
  - Gas lantern<sup>iii</sup> (and/or electric)
  - Butane Fireplace Lighter (or Bic lighter)
  - Matches (preferably water proof)
  - Spare batteries and bulbs
  - Spare lantern fuel and mantles
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## Bedding and Shelter

- Sleeping bag (In waterproof stuff sack<sup>iv</sup>)
  - Ground Cloth<sup>v</sup> - Tarp for big tents
  - Mattress or pad - Inflator for air mattress
  - Pillow
  - Tent<sup>vi</sup>
  - Camp axe<sup>vii</sup> or hammer to pound tent stakes
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## Medical

- Sunscreen
  - Insect Repellent - Yard spray, personal spray, Citronella Candle, etc.
  - Poison Ivy/Oak remedies - Special soap, antihistamine creams
  - Aspirin, Tylenol, Advil
  - Alka Seltzer, Mallox, Tums
  - Antibiotics - Whatever you need. Micatin for fungus, for example.
  - Tweezers for splinters and ticks.
  - Antiseptic, bandaids and bandages
  - First Aid Kit<sup>viii</sup> (may include all the above items)
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## Cleaning and Personal Items

- Bar soap - With washcloth, if desired
  - Shampoo
  - Toothpaste and toothbrush
  - Comb or hair brush
  - Small mirror
  - Razor
  - Towel
  - Toilet Paper<sup>ix</sup>
  - Whisk broom to clean tent<sup>x</sup>, table and tent site
  - Medicine or other specific personal health items
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## Miscellaneous

- Folding Chairs<sup>xi</sup>
  - Small shovel
  - Swiss Army knife<sup>xii</sup>
  - Compass and Map
  - Rope
  - Fishing pole and gear, including license for adults and bait
  - Duct tape<sup>xiii</sup>
  - Safety pins
  - Cellular phone w/extra battery and car adapter<sup>xiv</sup>
  - Camera w/good battery and extra film
  - Books, radio, cards, games, toys, Bible, etc.
  - Frisbees, soccer balls, baseballs, etc.
  - Money, credit card, ID
  - Scout Handbook and pen and paper
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## Clothing

- Scout Class B Uniform
- Hat
- Sleeping cap (if weather is cold)
- Bandanna
- Jacket<sup>xv</sup>
- Poncho
- Pants/Overalls, with belt
- Underwear - 2
- Shirt - 2 or 3 (one light, one flannel)
- Shoes, shower shoes, hiking boots

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- Socks - 2 pair
- Work gloves
- Warm mittens/gloves, if weather is cold

### Cooking

- Stove with fuel and lighter
  - Newspapers for lighting a campfire
  - Firewood<sup>xvi</sup>
  - Charcoal or wood and grill
  - Frying Pan - Nonstick w/plastic spatula is nice
  - Dutch Oven<sup>xvii</sup>
  - Cooking skewers (for hot dogs, s' mores, etc.)
  - Pot or sauce pan - Big enough to cook noodles for all. With lid.
  - Can opener - If you have canned goods.
  - Thermos
  - Tongs
  - Coffee maker and filters
  - Pot lifter and/or pot holders
  - Tablecloth
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### Dishes

#### Reusable

- Plate - Partition tray/plate is nice.
  - Mug/cup - Sierra Club Cup or Coleman Mountain Mug style
  - Kitchen knife - Nice to have. In general, carry a pocket knife
  - Small mixing bowl
  - Knife, Fork, Spoon, Spatula
  - Scrub Pad
  - Dish Pan
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#### Consumables

- Paper towels and napkins
  - Trash bags
  - Paper plates, cups, bowls, etc.
  - Plastic knives, forks, spoons
  - Ziplock Bags
  - Aluminum Foil
  - Dish soap
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- Swim suit, if weather is warm
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### Water

- At least 1/2 gallon per person/day; 2 gallons per day is better
- Water bottle or canteen, to carry while hiking

### Food and Drink

- Pancake Mix<sup>xviii</sup> 1/2 cup per person per day (need large skillet)
- Cooking Oil - About 1 oz per person per day
- Syrup - About 2 oz per person per day
- Butter - 1/2 stick per person per day
- Oatmeal - Instant Quaker Oats single serving packs are nice
- Potatoes - 2 per person per day
- Bacon - 4 slices per person per day
- Eggs - 2 per person per day. Fresh or powdered.
- Noodles - Angel Hair, Ramen, flat egg ribbons, elbows or shells
- Sauce - Marinara, Cream or Alfredo? (In jars or dehydrated if packing)
- Parmesan cheese
- Bouillon cubes - Chicken and Vegetable
- Rice packages - Pilaf, Saffron. Use instant or minute if packing.
- Soup/Chili - mix or cans
- Tuna - Don't forget the Mayo, pickles, and onions!
- Onions, lemons, mushrooms, etc.
- Bread - One or two loaves per day if camping with a small group
- Dry condiments - Salt, Pepper, Spices, Sugar
- Catsup
- Mustard
- Mayo - Smallest jar you can find
- Salami - Dry. Can substitute for ham or bacon if no ice chest is used.
- Cheese - Mild Cheddar
- Fruit - Small fruit cups or fresh fruit
- Veggies - carrot/celery sticks daily

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Taco Stuff - (Meat, seasoning package, olives, lettuce, tortillas, buns)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Cocoa, Coffee, and Teas<br><input type="checkbox"/> Marshmallows, Graham Crackers and Hershey Bars (S'mores!)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Peanut Butter and Jelly (of course)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Deli meat slices<br><input type="checkbox"/> _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Hot dogs and buns<br><input type="checkbox"/> Milk, soy milk, juice, soft drinks, etc.<br><input type="checkbox"/> _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
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**What Not to Bring on a BSA Campout<sup>xix</sup>**

### Weekend Camping Menu Planner

<u><i>Friday Snack</i></u>	<u><i>Saturday Breakfast</i></u>
<u><i>Saturday Lunch</i></u>	<u><i>Saturday Dinner</i></u>
<u><i>Sunday Breakfast</i></u>	<u><i>Sunday Snack</i></u>

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### *Brent's Tips:*

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- i. Keep meat in a separate ice chest from other food. I suggest freezing water in margarine containers. The ice will last all weekend.
- ii. I strongly recommend the Maglight line of flashlights. A cheap flashlight will not last, especially after your seven year old has dropped it a few times.
- iii. Liquid fuel lanterns and stoves are not permitted on BSA campouts. The butane lanterns and stoves are okay.
- iv. Ask me about the joys of sleeping in a wet sleeping bag.
- v. Make sure the ground cloth is big enough for the tent, but also make sure that the edges do not stick out from the edges of the tent. Rain will collect under your tent and leak inside! The ground cloth should be at least 6 mil. thick.
- vi. I recommend the Eureka line of tents. Eureka puts out a mid priced product that is far better than the bargain tents that you see in the stores. L.L Bean also makes a quality tent. Also, consider how difficult the tent will be to set up. Some tents take two to three people to set up.
- vii. Axes are not permitted on BSA campouts. I always bring a camp saw.
- viii. I have a First Aid Kit that contains all of these items so I do not have to worry about collecting them each time I go camping. You will to inspect your first aid kit at least once a year.
- ix. State Parks should be equipped with this, but you never know!
- x. I have a small piece of Astro turf that is placed at the entrance of my tent for the kids to wipe their feet. This comes in handy if it rains and the ground is muddy.
- xi. These come in handy for sitting around the campfire.
- xii. Only folding knives are permitted on BSA campouts. Scouts must have earned their AWhitling Chit@ (Bear level) to handle knives.
- xiii. It is amazing how handy duct tape can be!
- xiv. Okay, I'll admit it: we aren't really roughing it.
- xv. As weather dictates. At the very least bring a windbreaker or sweater for chilly evenings and mornings.
- xvi. Most of our State Parks prohibit gathering dead wood for fires.
- xvii. Dutch Oven cooking is great for weekend camping. There are entire books on this subject.
- xviii. Pancakes always taste twice as good on campouts!
- xix. Radios, TV's, electronic games, fireworks, sheath knives, axes, hatchets, liquid fuel stoves or lanterns, aerosol or glass items.