

## The Troop #1559 Scout Personal Gear List (revised 2012-10-17)

All Scouts should have an up-to-date medical form filed with the troop, including insurance and family contact information. Prescription medications must be in pharmacy-labeled or manufacturers' containers and provided (with instructions) to the designated adult leader accompanying the activity. Unless informed otherwise, Scouts are expected to travel in their Class A uniforms, including socks. Unless otherwise instructed all Scouts are required to leave their personal electronic devices at home. This is the personal gear list suggested by the Boy Scout Handbook (supplemented).

The “**Scout Basic Essentials**” should be carried at all times:

- Pocketknife, multi-tool or Swiss Army Knife (SAK).** [For Scouts who've earned their Totin' Chips.]
- First aid kit (FAK).**
- Extra clothing/jacket** to match the weather. Use layers.
- Rain gear** or poncho.
- Flashlight**, headlight (or both), and **spare batteries.**
- Water bottle** full of clean water.
- Fire starters/matches**, and **tinder.**
- Sun protection (**sunscreen**, **lip balm**, **sunglasses** and a wide-brimmed **hat.**)
- Trail maps** if available, and a **compass.**
- A **whistle** for signaling.
- A **bandanna.**
  
- A **backpack** with rain cover or a **duffle bag.**
- A **sleeping bag and pad**, and a ground cloth. (In warm weather you can optionally use blankets.)
- Mess kit** (or plate, bowl, cup, fork and spoon, with your initials etched onto them.)
- Clothes:** at least two pair of underwear and socks, several T-shirts, pair of long pants, pair of shorts, a sweatshirt or jacket, and appropriate sleepwear. Adapt for trip length as necessary.
- Folding camp **chair or stool.**
  
- Your **Scout handbook.**
  
- Small **towel** and washcloth.
- Soap** (in a carrier or a plastic bag).
- Toothbrush**, toothpaste and dental floss.
- Deodorant.**
- A **comb** or brush.
- Packets of **tissues** and/or wet-wipes.
- Insect repellent** (no aerosol cans.)
  
- Extra pair of (broken-in) **shoes** or boots. (No open-toed sandals or shoes.)
- A small **notebook** or index cards, **pens and pencils.**
- Trash** and **Zip-loc bags** for soiled clothes and to keep things dry.
- Gloves** (for warmth and work).
- A reliable **alarm clock.**
  
- Fishing pole** and gear. (Situation/venue dependent.)
- Swimsuit**, goggles and deck shoes/sandals (Situation/venue dependent.)
- A deck of cards** or portable chess set.
- Pillow.**
- Watch.**
- Camera.**