

TROOP 642 - WINTER CAMPING CHECKLIST (1/22 ed.)

Winter camping is great fun if you stay warm and dry. However, hiking, sledding, and just being in snow, particularly wet, falling snow, can make staying dry difficult. A few simple rules will help keep you warm. First, **WOOL** and **SYNTHETIC FABRICS** like polypropylene, polar fleece, and pile are best fabrics for the winter. They will help keep you warm, even if wet. All clothing you take, from your socks to your hat, should be made of WOOL or SYNTHETIC FABRICS. Look for inexpensive, functional gear at used clothing stores and garage sales. Second, COTTON and DOWN should NOT be used. Once wet, they will not keep you warm and are very difficult to dry. **ANY SCOUT WEARING JEANS OR SNEAKERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO GO WINTER CAMPING.** If you have any questions, ask your Patrol Guide or Advisor, Senior Patrol Leader, or Scoutmaster. Remember: Prior Planning Prevents Problems.

Use this list along with your regular campout checklist when planning for cold weather camping or outdoor activity.

Clothing – First Layer

Long Underwear Tops (2)
Long Underwear Bottoms (2)

Clothing – Second Layer

Long-sleeved Shirt
Sweater or Vest
Pile or Wool Jacket
Snow Pants or Wool Pants

Clothing – Shell

Insulated Winter Parka
Wind/Rain Jacket
Wind/Rain Pants

Clothing – Head

Balaclava, Scarf, or Face Mask
Stocking or Pile Hats (2)

Clothing – Hands

Glove Liners (2 pairs)
Mittens (2 pairs)

Clothing – Feet

Liner Socks (2 pairs)
Heavy Socks (3 pairs)
Sorel-Type Boots
Gaiters

Sleeping

6' x 8' Ground Tarp
Tent
Closed Cell Foam Pad
Winter weight Sleeping Bag
Sleeping Bag Liner or Blanket

Eating

Mess Kit (plate, bowl, and cup)
Utensil Kit (knife, fork, and spoon)
One Gallon Water per Day

Personal Care

Sunglasses or Ski Goggles
Sunscreen
Lip Balm
Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Dental Floss
Toilet Paper
Small Towel
Soap
Comb and/or Brush

Scout Outdoor Essentials

Folding Pocketknife
Totin' Chip Card
Personal First Aid Kit
Extra Clothing (see "Clothing" sections)

Rain Gear (see "Shell" section)

Water Bottle
Flashlight or Headlamps with Extra Batteries
Food Bars
Matches & Fire Starters
Sun Protection (see "Personal Care" section)
Map and Compass

Other

Boy Scout Handbook
50' Paracord
Notebook and pencils or pens
Large Garbage Bags (2)
Small Pack
Camp Chair
Sled with Tie Downs and Poles or Pulling Cord
Sled Bag or Duffle Bag
Stuff Sacks for Sleeping Bag and Extra Clothes

Optional

Snowshoes or Skis & Ski Poles
Snow Shovel and Saw
Thermos
Hand Warmer Packets

LABEL YOUR GEAR WITH YOUR NAME