

# Cub Scout Pack 662

## Suggested Camping Equipment

Most of our campouts are family-style which means each Scout camps with his family and each family is self-sufficient with respect to shelter and food. Many times you will be close to your car but in some cases you may have to carry items a couple hundred feet or so from your car to your campsite.

There is no need to rush out and buy a lot of expensive camping gear. You probably have many of these items lying around the house and you can accumulate the rest over time.

**Tent** – Many styles and prices (quality) to choose from. Most come with a rain tarp.

**Plastic ground cloth** – Most tents do not come with a ground cloth but you definitely need one. The ground cloth keeps the bottom of your tent clean and, more importantly, acts as a moisture barrier between the ground and the tent floor.

**Air mattress or sleeping pad** – If you bring an air mattress be sure to bring an inflator. The inexpensive electric pumps work well.

**Sleeping bag, blankets, or sheets**

**Camp, lawn, or sports chair for sitting around the fire**

**Lantern, flashlights**

**Appropriate outdoor clothing** – Pay attention to the weather forecast and plan accordingly. In cool or cold weather it's easier to wear layers of clothing and shed them as the day warms up.

**Raincoat** – If you don't bring a raincoat then it will definitely rain. Then everyone is going to be very mad at you for causing the rain.

**Appropriate footwear** – Boots or sneakers are good. Sandals, flip-flops, or any open toe shoes are not good – don't bring them.

**Camp stove** – Propane type works well. If you are unsure what to get the Pack has a couple of stoves we can loan out. Once you see all the different styles and learn how to operate one, you'll then have an idea of what to get for yourself for the next campout. You can also cook over the fire at the central fire pit but it can be crowded.

**Pots/Pans, utensils, plates, cups, bowls, etc.** – Whatever you like to cook in or eat from.

**Food** – Set an example for your Scout and bring good food – not junk food. Don't rely on the local fast-food place. The Cub Scouting experience includes cooking together as a family and eating healthy; even on campouts. Just because you're outside doesn't mean that you can't eat well or that it has to be a chore to prepare and clean up. A slow-cooked stew or kabobs made from fresh ingredients (not from a can) is hard to beat when you're outside. We also encourage dens to prepare a large meal together with each family bringing different items and sharing in the preparation.

**Ice chest** – Got to keep the meat, milk, juice, and produce cool.

**Minor first aid supplies, sunscreen, bug repellent, etc.**

**Do Not Bring:**

- Generators
- Radios, MP3 players, Gameboys, etc.
- Bicycles
- Pets

**Also refer to the Pack 662 Do's and Don't of Camping for more information.**