

Packing for Camp

Suggested Personal Packing List

This list is only what we suggest you pack for camp. Which program you and your Scouts are participating in, or personal preference, may require you to pack differently. When packing, think of what you need everyday, and always remember: Be Prepared.

- Sleeping Bag
- Small mattress, cot or pad (mattresses are not provided)
- Small pillow (optional)
- Sleep clothing
- Good walking shoes or hiking boots (please break in before summer camp)
- Sneakers (for backup and games)
- 3-8 pair socks - Preferably wool, easier to dry and keep feet warm when wet.
- 3-8 changes of underwear
- 2 pair of shorts - nylon works very well
- 2-3 T-shirts
- 1 hat (broad-brim is best)
- Scout Uniform
- Belt
- Swimsuit
- Long sleeve shirt(s)
- Long pants
- Fleece or sweater - Avoid cotton sweatshirts, as they are useless when wet.
- Outer jacket
- Rain gear - Needs to cover the whole body. Poncho alone is inadequate. Rain jacket/pants are best.
- Long underwear - optional for those who get cold easily
- Stocking cap or beanie - optional
- Daypack - big enough to carry rain gear, water bottle, class materials
- Tarp (required for any outpost programs)
- Water bottle - 1 quart
- Toilet kit - toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, shampoo, soap, washcloth, lip balm
- Sunscreen
- Personal first aid kit - see Handbook
- Towel(s)
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Alarm Clock and/or wristwatch
- Notebook and pencils/pens
- Merit badge books, Scout Handbook
- Work done at home for merit badges, and/or things needed for Merit Badges
- Medical Form (completely filled out and signed before camp)
- Medications in original container
- Eyeglasses and/or sunglasses
- Small camera-optional
- Swim goggles-optional
- Pocketknife - small - optional, must have whittlin or totin chip.
- Compass - optional
- Whistle- optional by troop
- Spending money, money for class/fees, in a wallet with your name

What Not To Pack

We want every participant who comes to Peaceful Valley to Be Prepared, but there are plenty of items that you should not bring to camp. There are also many items that are prohibited at camp, doing so will result in confiscation or even the participant being asked to leave ranch. We suggest you do not bring the following items:

- Gaming consoles of any kind
- Laptops or Tablets
- Excessive amounts of money
- Expensive electronics
- Irreplaceable items (books, jewelry, grandfather's pocket knife, etc.)

While we do not prohibit you from bringing these items to camp, we take no responsibility if any of these items are lost or broken. Please refrain from bringing any items to camp that may fall into these categories.

Cell phone use by Scouts is not allowed in program areas. Troops are encouraged to set their own guidelines for campsite and travel use of electronics. If the troop allows Scouts to bring their cellphones, they must remain put away during classes and program. We do suggest keeping them either locked in the troop trailer or in the Scout's possession. Best practice is to keep it in a ziplock bag or other waterproof container.

The following items are NOT allowed at camp. Any person who brings them will have the items confiscated, may be asked to leave, or even have the Elbert Sheriff called. **Do not bring any of the following:**

- Guns or ammunition of any kind
- Knives larger than 3.5"
- Any other form of weaponry
- Fireworks or explosives
- Alcohol
- Drugs or drug paraphernalia
- Clothing or items with inappropriate language or graphics
- Any items that go against the BSA policy, or do not follow the Scout Oath and Law



Suggested Uniforms at Camp

The official BSA field uniform is always appropriate dress at Peaceful Valley. Every camper is expected to wear the field uniform (often referred to as the “Class A” uniform) at evening flags, dinner or while performing a flag ceremony. Scouts at Dobbins are encouraged to wear it while attending chapel as well. The activity uniform (often called the “Class B” uniform), substituting a Scout T-shirt for the uniform shirt, is encouraged at all other times.

Campers should wear sturdy walking or hiking shoes with socks. Lighter shoes may be worn in the campsite. Sandals or shoes without toes are unsafe and not permitted. Inappropriate clothing includes sleeveless undershirts or clothing with foul or suggestive language or graphics.

Demonstrate your unit’s Scouting Spirit by being the best-uniformed unit in camp!

Campsite and Provided Equipment

While every effort will be made to place your troop in their desired campsite, sometimes this is not always possible, and the Camp Director reserves the right to shift troops around as needed to accommodate campsite capacities. At Dobbins and Dietler, your troop might also share a campsite with another troop, depending on each troop’s total number of participants.

Each campsite is equipped with a pit latrine with hot showers, and will be stocked with a broom, hose, toilet brush, and other cleaning supplies. There will also be a hand washing station, roll of paper towels, and a soap dispenser in each latrine. **We encourage all troops to use their own latrines when it comes to showering, and to have their Scouts and adult leaders ask for permission from other troops if they need to use another campsite’s latrine.** Adult leaders may also shower in Gilwell Hall, and Scouts can wear their swimsuits and use the showers on the deck of the pool.

There is a flagpole in some campsites, and troops are highly encouraged to bring their troop and patrol flags to hang on it. Units are also encouraged to pioneer a flagpole.

At Camp Dobbins and Magness you will be provided with one tent and platform for every two Scouts/adult leaders, as well as at least one dining fly and one picnic table per troop. Cots and mattresses are not provided, and Scouts and adult leaders are encouraged to bring their own. Please note that adult leaders do not get their own tents, and are encouraged to bring their own tents if possible. These can be pitched in specific areas at the troop’s campsite, and your Campsite or Patrol Host can point these areas out upon check-in.

At Camp Dietler, troops will only be provided tents if they are renting them. Please note that if your troop registered as bringing your own tents, there will not be any for you in your campsite. Rental tents are 4 person Coleman Sundomes. Cots and mattresses are not provided. There will be patrol boxes, wash buckets, a picnic table, and a dining fly provided for each patrol.