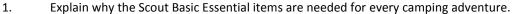
# **Troop 2970**

## **New Scout Camping Instructional Checklist**

### Purpose of this document:



- 2. Explain how to choose good camping gear.
- 3. Understand the importance of knowing how & when to use camping gear properly.



### Being prepared with the right gear is one thing, knowing how and when to use it is critical!

#### THE SCOUT BASIC ESSENTIALS can be found in your handbook, pg. 264

- **Pocket Knife** After you have your **Totin' Chip**!!! The official BSA <u>FOLDING</u> pocketknife has a 2 ½" blade.
- First-Aid Kit Second Class requirement 7b. Handbook pg. 127.
- Extra Clothes Lightweight fleece jacket, even in summer plan for the worst. Scouts dress in layers for insulation.
- Rain Gear Troop 2970 recommends a Rain Jacket with a hood and rain pants.
- Full Water Bottle or Bladder Always carry plenty of fresh water. Does your site have clean water? Are you sure?
- Headlamp or flashlight LED, waterproof, fresh or extra batteries BE PREPARED.
- Extra Food At minimum, some snacks you like. Where will you store food at camp? Food, trash CANNOT go in your tent.
- Waterproof Matches or Firestarter After you have earned your Firem'n Chit!!! BE PREPARED for emergencies.
- Sunglasses & Sunscreen Glasses protect your eyes, sunscreen protects your skin. It only works if you USE it.
- Map Waterproof or in waterproof cover (Ziploc bag) DON'T GET LOST.
- Compass Know how to use it! Second Class requirement 1a. Handbook pg. 361.

#### THE REST OF YOUR GEAR

- Duffel Bag To put everything into. This works for all campouts new scouts attend including summer camp.
- Sleep System Sleeping Pad, Sleeping Bag, Pillow (3-season, 20-30 degree bag), Waterproof stuff sack.
- Day Pack Last year's school backpack will work great for this.
- Clothing Appropriate for the Season 2970 recommends synthetic material clothing. Cotton takes FOREVER to dry!
- Dry Bag for Clothes You cannot get warm if your clothes are wet. Write your name on it.
- Mess Kit Lexan, plastic or metal bowl(s) and utensils (or Spork).
- Toiletry Ziploc Toothbrush & paste, hiking toilet paper (BE PREPARED), hand sanitizer, camping soap, small towel.
- **Personal Medications** Give to Adult with Medical Forms.
- Whistle For emergencies if you're lost or someone else is lost. Keep it available where you can reach if needed.
- Insect Repellent or Clothing You have three choices here: let them eat you, use DEET, or wear enough clothing.
- **Hiking Boots** Waterproof boots are better than cold, wet feet.
- Scout Handbook You cannot get a sign off if you don't have it. Forgot a knot? Need first aid? Check the handbook.

#### **OPTIONAL GEAR (Remember, you pack it, you carry it):**

Chair or stool - lightweight recommended 550/ Parachute Cord -50 feet, many uses Watch – Early is on time, on time is LATE

Swim Trunks and Towel – if swimming/boating
Bandana, Hat and Gloves – It gets cold in the morning
Hiking Staff/ Trekking Poles

#### Questions??? Ask your Patrol Leader, that is why he is there!

Remember...everything you pack, you must carry to your campsite

Troop 2970 follows the principles of Leave No Trace – you pack it in, you pack it out

No food in tents or hammocks

Your most important essential is common sense – BE PREPARED

