

General Camping Information for Cub Pack 337

Arrival/Departure:

Your leaders, and fellow Scouts will assist you with setting up tents, dining flies, toting equipment from your cars, etc. Everyone will be pitching in to set up the Pack dining canopy and to break down camp and to leave the area looking the same or better than when we arrived.

General Tone:

The Cub Scout camping environment is one of helping each other, sharing supplies, teaching, learning, and most of all... having FUN! All boys and parents are expected to follow the Scout Promise, obey the Scout Law, to follow the Law of the Pack (all found in your Scout book), and to show Scout spirit at all times.

Camp Rules (please review with your boys):

1. All children must have a parent or legal guardian at camp.
2. Children are only allowed to sleep with other boys or with their parent or legal guardian.
3. No alcohol.
4. Smoking outside of camp only. Not in front of boys.
5. No profanity (boys and parents)
6. Radios and electronic games are discouraged and may be prohibited on some campouts.
7. Everyone stays to clean up the campsite together.

Where to get camping supplies:

You can pick up camping supplies at Dicks, Sports Authority, Wal-Mart, Target, and at various wholesale clubs for reasonable prices. If you need any supplies you are unable to find or purchase, please contact your leader. We're happy to share (tents, etc).

Suggested Camping Supplies (R = Required):

√	Tent Gear	R	
	Tent	√	If rain is forecasted, you'll need a tent with a plastic (not nylon like the sides) bottom, or a plastic ground cloth to put down under the tent. Sometimes in soft sand, the thin wire tent stakes don't work too well. You may consider having some thick plastic ones on hand.
	Rubber Mallet		For pounding stakes into the ground. If you'll be camping a lot, you should have one. There will be plenty around to borrow.
	Sleeping Bag	√	If you don't have one, you can make one with comforters, blankets, and sheets on top of a sleeping pad.
	Sleeping Pad		Foam pad, self-inflatable pad, air mattress (with inflator), or thick blankets to go under your sleeping bag.
	Pillow/Blankets		Personal preference
	Light	√	A flashlight will work, but a light you can hang from above which disburses light is preferred.
	Small Broom		Helps keep the tent clean, but you could wait 'till you get home to sweep it and air it out. There will be plenty around to borrow
	Portable Fan		Wal-Mart, Sports Authority, Home-Depot, etc sell small battery-powered fans. These fans are efficient and don't consume batteries. This can be very helpful in the Florida heat.

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	Camp Cup	√	Each Scout must bring his own camp cup. If you have lost the one the Pack gave you, or if you haven't gotten one yet, please bring one with a handle, so that it can hang with the others.
	Dining Fly		The pack has a large dining fly (canopy), which everyone will be invited to use. Some folks like to have one set up near their tent.
	Table		The Pack has tables to use under the dining fly. Some like to bring a small table to setup near their tent, but it's not necessary. Your leaders will share tables with you.
	Chairs	√	One for each person to sit on during meals, and around the campfire
	Lantern		It's helpful to have a light with wide dispersion for preparing meals and working at night. Battery powered florescent lights work well. For gas powered, propane canister lanterns with electronic ignition work well. Be sure to bring an extra mantle.
	First Aid Kit		Only optional because the pack will have one, but it's always a good idea to bring your own supplies. Always bring band-aids, for blisters.
	Bug Repellant		Spray Deet products sparingly on children's clothing only. Sometimes citronella candles and coils work okay.

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√	Personal Supplies	R	
	Clothing	√	Yes, clothing IS required. Don't forget swim suit & sandals.
	Toiletries	√	Soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, brush, washcloth, towel, tissues, T.P. (in plastic), needle/thread, safety pins. Note, this stuff is required 'cause we don't want anyone to stink.
	Sun Protection	√	
	Money	√	Camp store snacks, various trip costs. You may want to allow older boys to carry some of their own money to teach responsibility.
	Flashlight		If you like flashlights to walk around at night, bring one.
	Rain Gear		The rain seems to bother the parent more than the boys (thus optional)
	Other Optional		Watch, camera and film, sunglasses, pen, musical instruments, cards, games, Two way radios (to communicate with boys, or with others in caravans)

√	Cooking Supplies	R	Often, the Pack supplies Saturday Meals, and little or none of these items are required: For your first few campouts keep meals simple. Examples: Breakfast: Cereal, breakfast bars, fruit, milk, O.J. Lunch: Cold-cuts, PB&J, lunchables, chips, sodas, lemonade Dinner: Canned stew, chili, hot-dogs, salad, drinks, snacks
	Stove/Grill		Propane stove w/ canisters, lighter. You may not need one, but if you do and don't have one, there will be plenty around to borrow. Leaders will be happy to share stove space with you..
	Grill		If you bring a portable grill, don't forget the charcoal and a means to start it (or use quick-lite charcoal). Also bring an oven mitt and tongs.
	Cooking Utensils	√	Pot, pan, spatula, cooking spoons and knives as needed, throw away cutting board.
	Dining Utensils	√	For your 1st few times camping, paper/plastic products are suggested (plates, bowls, cups, napkins, knives, forks, spoons). Please don't use Styrofoam since it's bad for the camping environment
	KP Supplies	√	If you're not using paper, or you're cooking, you'll need: Dish soap, dish cloth, dish pan, dish towel, sheet of plastic for drying dishes, steel wool pad.
	Cooler	√	If you have a decent cooler, use a lot of ice, keep it shut, and it should last the weekend. Keep soakable items in plastic and don't drain the melted ice, it's a fact that it helps keep things cooler. Powdered drinks can save a lot of space in the cooler.
	Food	√	Be sure your non-canned food items are in a container with a lid that can be SECURELY fastened down, otherwise Raccoons will get in. Don't forget: Butter, S&P, spices, sugar, & campfire snacks (marshmallows, sommores, trail mix, popcorn).
	Drinking Water	√	You will have access to running water at every Cub campout, however, you should bring your own drinking water for drink mixes, cooking, etc.
	Other Supplies	√	Paper towels, trash bag, zip locks, foil, drink containers for mixing drinks, skewers (optional for marshmallows)