

PACK 421 CUB CAMPING CHECK-LIST & POLICIES



Any time a Scout goes on a camping trip, he should always be prepared by carrying the Ten Essential items. These essentials allow a scout to survive in the outdoors in most emergency situations.

THE TEN+ ESSENTIALS:

- Whistle
- Canteen/Water Bottle (w/water in it!)
- Extra Food (trail snacks are good)
- Extra Clothing (and Sweater/Jacket)
- Rain Gear (poncho)
- Personal First-Aid Kit
- Compass and Map
- Pocketknife (only if Whittling Chip is earned)
- Sun Protection (Sunscreen and Hat)
- Flashlight (w/extra batteries or hand crank)

An additional essential we have not listed is Waterproof Matches/Fire Starter, as they should not be carried by Cubs.

OTHER ESSENTIALS:

- Scout Handbook
- Notepad & Pencil
- Large Zip-Lock Bags
- Large Trash Bags
- Necessary Prescription Medications (parents, please leave all medications locked in your car)
- Toilet Paper (in zip-lock plastic bag)

CLOTHING (** denotes items exclusive to scouts and scouters):

- Full Class A uniform**
- Class B t-shirt**
- Underwear
- Sweatshirt
- Sweatpants
- Shorts and pants
- Short-sleeve shirts
- Socks (bring extra)

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

- The Ten Essentials
- Backpack or duffel bag
- Sleeping Bag and Pad or Air Mattress
- Reusable mug with carabiner
- Portable chair or stool
- Insect Repellent
- Lip Balm (unscented)
- Soap (biodegradable)
- Small Towel
- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Hand sanitizer
- Disposable Camera (*optional*)
- Swim Suit (*for shower or swimming*)

GROUP ITEMS (normally shared by a family):

- tent (don't forget the poles & stakes)
- ground cloth or tarp (for under tents)
- hammer for driving tent stakes
- shovel/trowel (metal if using in fire ring)
- cooking & eating gear (utensils, pans, plates)
- camping stove & cleanup supplies
- food and drinks if not provided by camp
- portable table
- shade structure (i.e., EZ Up) (*optional*)
- lantern (with fuel or batteries)
- playing cards, board games, books, etc.

- Hat w/Brim
- Warm Jacket
- Knit stocking cap
- Hiking Boots or sturdy sneaker-type shoes with grip treads (all shoes must be closed toe and worn with socks, except for shower shoes)
- Shower shoes/flip-flops
- Extra pair of hiking boots or sneakers in case Pair #1 gets wet

Even in warm weather, we recommend you bring at least one pair of long pants, one sweatshirt, and a knit cap in case the temperature drops at night or if it is cold in the early morning. It is better to layer your clothing while camping than to overheat, so keep this in mind when packing.

WHAT YOU MAY NOT BRING: Firearms, fireworks, alcohol, illegal drugs, personal electronic entertainment devices (Gameboys, iPods, DVD players, etc. – must stay locked in car), clothing or items that advertise alcohol or tobacco or represent messages contrary to Scouting ideals.

Adults are held to the same standards as youth on campouts. All adults should model the behavior they seek in their children, and we appreciate adults following the same rules we have for youth.

FAQ: Cell phones and “walkie talkies” are permitted on pack campouts for communication use.

BSA TOBACCO USE POLICY: If adults wish to smoke, the **BSA tobacco policy states that you must do so out of sight of ALL scouts and smoking is not permitted inside any tent** because of fire hazard. Please plan accordingly; you may need to walk some distance from the scout group campsite in order to smoke.

Remember, no open flames in tents. This applies to tent heaters and any other sources.

BSA YOUTH PROTECTION RULES FOR TENT CAMPING: **No adult may be inside a tent at any time with a child that is not his/her own child.** Youth must either share a tent with his/her parent, or share a tent occupied only by youth. Multiple families may not share tents together under any circumstances. Please consult the Cubmaster or Committee Chairperson if you have any questions PRIOR to the campout.

YOUTH PROTECTION RULES FOR SHOWERS/RESTROOMS: **No youth above age 6 may use a restroom or shower designated for another gender (no boys in the Ladies’ Restroom/Shower; no girls in the Mens’ Restroom/Shower).** This means your children ages 7 and up must be able to use the appropriate restroom/shower by themselves if they will not have a same-gender parent on the campout. Adults not related to the child may not assist with toileting or showering. Parents should always stand outside the restrooms and wait for their child if the child is using the restroom/shower alone.

Many campers (from the pack and the public) use restrooms and showers at campgrounds for changing facilities, and some campground toilets and showers do not have adequate privacy barriers or shower curtains. We must keep children in their gender-appropriate restrooms and showers, for the comfort and privacy of adults and for the protection of the children.

PACK 421 SIBLING POLICY: Please refer to the Pack’s Operating Procedures Manual for our policy on sibling participation. In summary, siblings will be placed in groups separate from scouts and will not necessarily be provided the same activities, crafts, or recognition of participation. Remember, Scouting is all about the scouts. In addition, siblings ages 6 and under are to be directly supervised by a parent at all times on campouts.

If you have any questions about any BSA or Pack policy, or about what to bring on a Pack campout, please consult the Cubmaster or Committee Chairperson, PRIOR to the campout itself if possible. Thank you.