

Troop 583

Winter Camping Checklist

(PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME ON EVERYTHING)

MAJOR EQUIPMENT *****

- _____ Pack (external or internal frame)(medium to high quality - padded shoulder and hip straps REQUIRED!)
- _____ Sleeping bag (down or Polarguard. Plan on approximately zero degree nights.)
- _____ Foam pad (Essential. An air mattress is not good for winter camping. ThermaRest pads are GREAT)
- _____ Accessory straps (used to attach sleeping bag and foam to pack frame. Belts, bungee cords, or rope do not work very well!)

CLOTHING *****

WEAR WOOL OR POLYPRO AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. AVOID COTTON IF YOU CAN!
REMEMBER: DRESS IN LAYERS ON WINTER TRIPS!

- _____ Winter coat (or a vest and a shell parka)
- _____ Long sleeve shirts (2 recommended. Wool is best but not essential.)
- _____ Long underwear (bottoms are the most important and polypro is best)
- _____ Ragg Wool socks (3 pair are essential for winter camping - thick ones)
- _____ Inner socks (3 pair, polypro is the best) _____ Underwear (2 changes)
- _____ Polarguard or down booties (polarguard is best)
- _____ Overbooties (can be homemade from troop pattern)
- _____ Pants (2 changes required. Wool pants are the best but jeans will do if nothing else is available.)
- _____ Gloves or mittens (mittens are the warmest. 2 PAIR IF AVAILABLE.)
- _____ Boots (waterproofed. Snowmobile or felt insulated such as Sorels are the best.)

NO TENNIS SHOES OR LIGHTWEIGHT NYLON BOOTS.

- _____ Wool ski cap (balaclava style with facemask is best) _____ Gaiters (very important)

EATING GEAR *****

- _____ Bowl (don't bring the entire kit) _____ Cup (insulated plastic is the best)
- _____ Spoon _____ Sun Screen (IMPORTANT)
- _____ Water bottle or canteen (Wide mouth bottle is best) (FILL IT AND DRINK IT TO AVOID DEHYDRATION!).

TOILET ARTICLES *****

- _____ Personal toilet paper (small role in zip lock bag.) _____ Chapstick or lipbalm
- _____ Toothbrush and toothpaste (keep in 35 mm film can)

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS *****

- _____ Flashlight (w/NEW alkaline batteries) _____ Money (for stops on the way)
- _____ Nylon camping cord (50 feet)(NOT OPTIONAL) _____ Compass
- _____ Pocket knife _____ Scout Handbook
- _____ Pencil and pad of paper _____ Survival kit
- _____ Sunglasses (IMPORTANT) _____ Healthy Munchies
- _____ Spare batteries (new alkaline) _____ Disposable Hand Warmers
- _____ Small Flashlight (AA size)(with fresh alkaline batteries) (great for cold hands and to
- _____ Matches (in a waterproof case - prescription bottles work great.) put in boots at night!)
- _____ Large garbage bag or pack cover (to cover your pack at night.)
- _____ Personal First Aid Supplies (moleskin, Band Aids, Tylenol, etc.)
- _____ Prescription or non-prescription medications (give the trip leader a duplicate of important medications)

SPECIAL GEAR FOR A SNOW CAVING TRIP *****

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra gloves and mittens (3 is not too many) | <input type="checkbox"/> Rain jacket and pants or chaps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shovel (w/ your name on it)(small folding) | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 gal. bucket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra change of clothes (2 changes are nice) | <input type="checkbox"/> Ground cloth for floor of cave |
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SPECIAL GEAR TO TAKE WHEN SKIING OR HIKING IN THE WINTER *****

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Daypack (to carry gear on the trail) | <input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle (drink at least 1 liter) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Munchies (granola bars, gorp, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Eating utensils for lunch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compass | <input type="checkbox"/> Spare wool socks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spare gloves or mittens | <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Survival Kit (if available) | <input type="checkbox"/> Matches |

PATROL LEADER ITEMS FOR THE TRAIL *****

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Watch | <input type="checkbox"/> Scout Handbook |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pencil and notebook | <input type="checkbox"/> Compass |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nugget bag | <input type="checkbox"/> Other items on the Sled list provided to Patrol Leaders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sled repair kit (tape, pliers, screws, etc.) | |