

# Packing for Summer Camp

Troop 142

*Please make sure everything has your son's name and troop number on it.*

Attached is the Check List for Summer Camp. It lists all the equipment and clothes your son needs for camp.

This note is to answer some of the questions you may have as you go over the list.

## Equipment

- + Storage: I recommend the plastic storage boxes over trunks or duffel bags for several reasons. First and foremost is they are far more waterproof than anything else. If you keep the boxes to 15" height or less, they will fit under your son's cot. The box can be pulled out to use as a table, and pushed back under the cot when in the way. Two boxes should hold all your son's gear. Of course you can use trunks or duffel bags. With duffel bags, it is important to keep everything in plastic to protect it from the weather. Trunks must be less than 15" high so they can fit under the cot.
- + Sleeping: It can get cold so the sleeping bag is needed. On warm nights, an old flat sheet is perfect. Air mattress or foam pad is optional since the cots each have a mattress.
- + Pencil & Paper: Needed for advancement work and merit badge work.
- + Foul Weather Gear: Based on the weather so far this season, we'll most likely see some rain while at camp. The raincoat or poncho is an absolute must. Boots make the difference between being wet and miserable to just being wet.
- + A lightweight chair is great for in camp and at class.

## Muck Hike

- + Whatever clothes and footgear you send, please make sure you do not want them back. Put them in a separate bag clearly marked "Muck Hike" so we don't find out afterwards that your son had the wrong outfit on. Don't worry about fashion; boys will wear almost every conceivable style for this romp.

## Clothing

- + Experience has shown that if you put each day's clothes (socks, tee shirt and underwear) in a zip lock bag, your son will open one and leave the rest alone. (Just make sure he can tell which tee shirt is in the bag.) If everything is neatly backing in one big bag, the first time he needs something everything is dumped out and gets dirty.
- + He must have a bathing suit and towel for swimming. Morning swims are not optional.

## Hygiene

- + Since we'll be swimming every morning, I only require the boys to take showers every other day (I keep track of the boys as to when they shower.) We'll remind the boys to brush their teeth, but it will be up to them to actually do it.
- + **MEDICINE** – we will not need the form filled out that I referred to last week. What I will need is clearly written instructions with scout's name and when he takes what medicine. All medicine must be in the original medicine bottles with the scout's name and the medicine type and dose clearly marked. Put the medicine and one copy of the instructions in a Ziploc bag with his name and troop number written on it. (I need a second copy of the instructions to keep in camp) Do not send more medicine than he will need for the week.

## Optional

- + Fishing – since we are on a lake, there should be good fishing. Camp asks that we use barbless hooks.
- + Sports Equipment – for free time. Again make sure name and troop number are on everything.
- + **Money** – The troop will have a locked cash box for the scouts' money. In the cash box, we will have an envelope for each scout. We will record how much money he has and whenever he takes some out. They can get cash whenever they need it from one of the adult leaders. Scouts should not have any money in their personal gear. Primary need is for junk food and souvenirs – a camp tee shirt is around \$18-20.

*NO ELECTRONICS - PERIOD*