

Troop 1890 Winter Standard Personal Gear List

To be used from November-March

Being unprepared for camping in the winter is dangerous and can be deadly. It is of vital importance that Scouts come prepared for winter camping. Our leaders have successfully camped in all weather at all times of the year for many years and have established these rules and this list to ensure the safety and fun of all participants.

Essentials	<p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">put these in a small ditty bag and keep it in your pack</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Compass (0 to 360 degrees with 2 degree increments) <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight or headlamp with extra batteries <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Food (no cooking - granola bars and similar high-calorie, high protein foods) <input type="checkbox"/> Personal First Aid Kit <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket Knife or Multi-tool <input type="checkbox"/> Waterproof Matches or Lighter <input type="checkbox"/> Firestarter with tinder <input type="checkbox"/> Water Bottle, Canteen or Camelback-type device (Optional: Water filter) - 1.5L minimum [do not take water filter if the temperature will be below freezing - they may crack] <input type="checkbox"/> Whistle (plastic, pea-less) <input type="checkbox"/> Insect Repellent (Early November and Late March) <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen
Required Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Full-size backpack (internal or external frame) or large, sturdy duffel bag Everything should fit in, on or be securely attached. <input type="checkbox"/> Tent with rainfly - freestanding is best for snow Tents are encouraged to be shared with multiple boys <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Bag(s) - 0 Degree bag if possible. If not, bring two or a bag liner. <input type="checkbox"/> Foam Pads or Thermarest - Stay as far off snow as possible <input type="checkbox"/> Mess Kit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Cup <input type="checkbox"/> Plate <input type="checkbox"/> Utensils (knife, fork and spoon) <input type="checkbox"/> Small Pot (comes with most mess kits) for boiling water <input type="checkbox"/> Waterproof Boots <input type="checkbox"/> Long Pants (Snow Pants are best) No Cotton (Levis, Dockers, etc) <input type="checkbox"/> Wool Socks (NO COTTON) <input type="checkbox"/> Warm Winter Hat <input type="checkbox"/> Waterproof, insulated gloves (like ski gloves) or mittens <input type="checkbox"/> Long underwear <input type="checkbox"/> Handwarmers (no flames) - inexpensive and can be obtained at Wal-Mart <input type="checkbox"/> Poncho <input type="checkbox"/> Small rope (parachute cord is best) <input type="checkbox"/> 2 large (33 gallon) trash bags - emergency use <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Clothes (in waterproof bag(s)) (Long pants, shorts, socks and extra shirt) <input type="checkbox"/> Medications, creams (with instruction list to give to scoutmaster in case of emergency) <input type="checkbox"/> Small Towel <input type="checkbox"/> Hand Sanitizer <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Snacks <input type="checkbox"/> Scout Book (so we can sign off advancement items) <input type="checkbox"/> Eyeglasses/contacts (if needed) <input type="checkbox"/> Waterproof Jacket <input type="checkbox"/> Layered jackets - Fleece is best. Avoid cotton <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet paper <input type="checkbox"/> Small Trowel or Spade (leave-no-trace potty) <input type="checkbox"/> Space bag/blanket <input type="checkbox"/> Great Attitude

Optional

- Hiking Staff (optional)
- Backpacking Stove with fuel (optional)
- Gaiters (keep the snow out of your boots)
- Snowshoes (when there is snow)
- Disposable Camera (optional - we would like photos for the website)
- Pillow (optional)
- Sunglasses (optional)

Prohibited items

The following items should **NOT** be brought:

- Sheath Knives (prohibited at Long-Term Scout Camps and District Activities)**
- Folding Knives over 4.5" long when closed (prohibited by Boy Scouts of America)**
- Electronic Toys/Gadgets**
- Games (except as specified above)**
- Firearms or ammunition (prohibited by Boy Scouts of America)**
- Archery Equipment (prohibited by Boy Scouts of America)**
- Fireworks (prohibited by Boy Scouts of America)**
- Radios (except as part of 72 hour kit for merit badge)**
- Any item that will distract boys from participating in structured events**

If these items are brought, they will be confiscated and kept for the parents of the boy to pick up.