# Winter Camping Equipment

See *Boy Scout Handbook* (10th edition), page 27-39, and 51-54. Camping in the winter is more challenging than the summer.

One must bring the necessary equipment and pay attention to stay warm, dry and comfortable.

Over time develop your own list. Consider usefulness, weight and bulk.

## **Camping Equipment**

warm sleeping bag packed within a plastic waterproof bag inside protective stuff sack

pack & frame w/ padded hip belt plastic ground cloth foam sleeping pad (or two) tent w/ extra stakes

plastic garbage bags for pack cover and for extra rain gear

### **Cold-weather Clothing**

good waterproof boots extra pair of shoes (water repellent if possible)

warm long pants and belt 2-3 pairs heavy wool socks

long underwear 2-3 pairs inner socks (polypropylene)

extra pants and underwear warm pajamas 2 warm long-sleeve shirts sleeping cap

warm coat with hood wool day hat which covers ears

wool sweater wool scarf

sweatshirt 2 pair gloves/mittens (You can use socks.) handkerchief or bandannas plastic bags in which clothing is packed

#### **Scout Essentials**

Boy Scout Handbook canteen & water bottles (1-2 quarts)

flashlight w/ extra batteries & bulb rainsuit (use garbage bag in emergencies)

matches in waterproof container first aid kit (w/ bandaids, moleskin, tape, disinfectant)

pocketknife sun protection/chapstick

compass and maps repair kit (s-pins; needle&thread, shoelaces, rubberbands)

pencil & notebook 50' of 1/8" nylon safety cord

### **Eating and Personal Equipment**

SPOON/knife/fork toothbrush & paste comb
plate/bowl towel/washcloth mirror
cup soap toilet paper

#### Extra Items

medication/extra glasses snowsuit gaiters
watch/alarm clock whistle money
camera & film musical instruments songbook

water purification tablets liquid soap / scouring pads emergency or extra food

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