Camping 101

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# Check the weather!

* Always check the weather before you go camping.
* Always bring something for the rain. If you don’t, it will rain.
* Bring a stocking hat to sleep in at night.
* Bring gloves.
* Bring an extra blanket for your sleeping bag.
* Put on dry clothes (socks, pants, sweatshirt) before going to bed.

# Try before you buy!

* Don’t go out and buy a tent if you don’t have one. Ask the Pack/Troop, then your friends.
* Some of us may have extra sleeping bags, sleeping pads, etc.

# Put a tarp under your tent.

* Even its it’s not supposed to rain.

# Try your gear before you camp.

* Setup your tent ahead of time. Air it out. If you don’t know how to set it up, ask any of your leaders. We will be happy to help.
* Inflate your air mattress once BEFORE you go camping. Leave it inflated overnight. 😉

# Garbage Bags are your friend.

* They work great to bring clothes and sleeping gear in your want to stay clean or dry.
* They work great for wet or dirty gear.
* They make great rain gear. Very stylish.

# Bring a Wagon

* If you have a collapsible wagon, bring it. It’s a bit of a walk to camp, and the carts are always missing.
* You are not allowed to drive in camp without expressed permission from the Ranger or Staff.

# Bring a Chair

* Picnic tables are often wet, and sitting on the ground isn’t fun.
* But if you DO need to sit on a ground, sit on a garbage bag. (I told you they’d be useful)

# Your shoes will get wet.

* Even if it doesn’t rain, they will still get wet. Wear something waterproof. Send your kid in rainboots.
* If your child decides to wear Crocs, they WILL go through socks like crazy. Bring extras.
* Bring a couple grocery sacks to put wet shoes in overnight OUTSIDE your tent.

# Your clothes will get wet too.

* Bring extras. Consider two extra sets for the kids.

# You can never have too many flashlights

* It will get REALLY dark out there.
* Kids love flashlights.
* DO NOT give them your $100 Gold Plated flashlight. They will lose them.
* Dollar Store for the win.

# Ear plugs

* Need I say more?

# If you have a CPAP, BRING IT

* Your children will thank you.
* Drop cords, a generator, or battery packs can be provided as needed.

# Yes, there will be coffee in the morning.

* We’ll even have cups.
* Creamer is on you. The powdered stuff from the grocery store is palatable.

# Forgot a pillow? Use your clothes.

* Clothing in a sweatshirt or coat makes a pretty good pillow.
* Extra points if the clothing is still dry.

# Put your clothes in your sleeping bag.

* Put your clothes for the next day in your sleeping bag at night. Your body will warm them overnight.
* It will be much less SHOCKING in the AM.

# Sleep “Heads Up”

* If you can, don’t sleep on a slope.
* If you must sleep on a slope, make sure your head is above your feet.

# Band Aids and Bug Spray

* The Pack will bring a larger first aid kit.
* Band Aids and bug spray go a long way to making life better.

# Make a list.

* And check it twice.
* Check it while you load the car. Then check it again AFTER you load the car.

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