



# TROOP 401 ESSENTIAL OUTING ITEMS

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## **THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL ITEMS AND MUST BE BROUGHT BY EACH SCOUT ON EVERY OVERNIGHT OUTING.**

- 4 each - Garbage bags
- 4 Zip-lock bags (2 large, 2 small)
- 1 each - plastic grocery bag to place boots in during the night (keeps the tent floor clean!)
- 1 each - eating spoon (fork and knife are optional)
- 1 each - eating bowl (plastic butter container is fine)
- 1 each - drinking cup (for hot or cold drink)
- Rain gear (vinyl coat and pants are better than ponchos)
- 2 each - 1 quart water bottles (cheap solution: buy 50 cent bottles of water at Krogers or Wal-Mart)
- Towels for use to wipe hands/face & drying their own dishes
  - Five (sheets) disposable "shop towels" made by Scott Paper Company are an excellent choice. These paper towels are reinforced and can be washed and used several times before they become unusable. They are available in a roll just like paper towels in the automotive section at K-Mart or other discount stores.
- Sleeping bag (mummy type rated 20 degrees F)
- Sleeping pad (closed cell foam)
- Personal First Aid Kit (see scout Handbook for items or call)
- 2 oz bottle of "Purell" Hand Sanitizer or equal
- 50 feet of nylon rope (1/8 inch) (about \$2.00 at Lowes)
- 2 each clothes pins
- Small sponge (used for cleaning out tents)
- Small roll of TP in ziplock bag (use a mostly used roll from home)
- Totin Chip card (needed in order to use wood tools)
- Scout Handbook (except backpack outings)
- Scout Uniform (except backpack outings)
- Clothing for the occasion and weather conditions
  - Check "Weather Channel" ([www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com)) for forecasted conditions
  - Refer to Scout Handbook (pgs 51-53) or call Scout Leader

**Backpack Outings:**    **Bring complete change of clothes including socks and shoes in garbage bag**  
**(This is to be left in the car at the trailhead for trip home)**

**PUT YOUR NAME ON ALL YOUR GEAR**  
**(We have a lot of lost items which no one has claimed)**

**Packing:** When not backpacking, pack all gear in soft side gym type bag  
(Hint: Line the bag with a plastic garbage bag to make water proof)  
(Do the same with your sleeping bag stuff sack)

**Recommendations:**

Orienteering Compass - Recommend Silva "Trekker Type 20" (Approx. \$20)

Good Source for Gear: Campmor - Call for Catalog 800-525-4784 or visit [www.campmor.com](http://www.campmor.com)

Call Dave Snelting or Alan Schreck if you have any questions or check our website.