

Packing for Camp

Suggested Personal Packing List

This list is only what we suggest you pack for camp. Which program you and your Scouts are participating in, or personal preference, may require you to pack differently. When packing, think of what you need everyday, and always remember: Be Prepared.

- Sleeping Bag
- Small mattress, cot or pad (mattresses are not provided)
- Small pillow (optional)
- Sleep clothing
- Good walking shoes or hiking boots (please break in before summer camp)
- Sneakers (for backup and games)
- 3-8 pair socks - Preferably wool, easier to dry and keep feet warm when wet.
- 3-8 changes of underwear
- 2 pair of shorts - nylon works very well
- 2-3 T-shirts
- 1 hat (broad-brim is best)
- Scout Uniform
- Belt
- Swimsuit
- Long sleeve shirt(s)
- Long pants
- Fleece or sweater - Avoid cotton sweatshirts, as they are useless when wet.
- Outer jacket
- Rain gear - Needs to cover the whole body. Poncho alone is inadequate. Rain jacket/pants are best.
- Long underwear - optional for those who get cold easily
- Stocking cap or beanie - optional
- Daypack - big enough to carry rain gear, water bottle, class materials
- Tarp (required for any outpost programs)
- Water bottle - 1 quart
- Toilet kit - toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, shampoo, soap, washcloth, lip balm
- Sunscreen
- Personal first aid kit - see Handbook
- Towel(s)
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Alarm Clock and/or wristwatch
- Notebook and pencils/pens
- Merit badge books, Scout Handbook
- Work done at home for merit badges, and/or things needed for Merit Badges
- Medical Form (completely filled out and signed before camp)
- Medications in original container
- Eyeglasses and/or sunglasses
- Small camera-optional
- Swim goggles-optional
- Pocketknife - small - optional, must have whittlin or totin chip.
- Compass - optional
- Whistle- optional by troop
- Spending money, money for class/fees, in a wallet with your name

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- Rain Gear (should provide adequate coverage)
- Waterbottle
- First-Aid Kit
- Sun Protection
- Flashlight
- Trail Food
- Extra Clothing
- Map and Compass
- Pocketknife (need to tin chip)
- Matches and Fire Starter (for emergencies only, no open fires allowed at PV)



What Not To Pack

We want every participant who comes to Peaceful Valley to Be Prepared, but there are plenty of items that you should not bring to camp. There are also many items that are prohibited at camp, doing so will result in confiscation or even the participant being asked to leave ranch. We suggest you do not bring the following items:

- Gaming consoles of any kind
- Laptops or Tablets
- Excessive amounts of money
- Expensive electronics
- Irreplaceable items (books, jewelry, grandfather's pocket knife, etc.)

While we do not prohibit you from bringing these items to camp, we are not responsible if any of these items are lost or broken. Please refrain from bringing any items to camp that may fall into these categories.

Cell phone use by Scouts is not allowed in program areas. Troops are encouraged to set their own guidelines for campsite and travel use of electronics. If the troop allows Scouts to bring their cellphones, they must remain put away during classes and program. We do suggest keeping them either locked in the troop trailer or in the Scout's possession. Best practice is to keep it in a ziplock bag or other waterproof container.

The following items are NOT allowed at camp. Any person who brings them will have the items confiscated, may be asked to leave, or even have the Elbert Sheriff called. **Do not bring any of the following:**

- Guns or ammunition of any kind
- Knives larger than 3.5"
- Any other form of weaponry
- Fireworks or explosives
- Alcohol
- Drugs or drug paraphernalia
- Clothing or items with inappropriate language or graphics
- Any items that go against the BSA policy, or do not follow the Scout Oath and Law

Campers with Special Needs

If a Scout or adult in your unit needs some extra help to enjoy their camp experience, please let us know! We have a few campsites that are easier for those with mobility problems. We can also arrange for access to “indoor plumbing,” or wheelchair-accessible portable toilets, when needed. If your Scout will need some extra attention from our counselors, we can help!

If you have such a situation, please contact the Ranch Director, Megan Houghton, at megan.houghton@scouting.org or 720.266.2178, no later than **two weeks before** your week of camp. A member of camp management will confirm the arrangements with you.

Campers with Special Diets

Our kitchen staff is willing to accommodate special diets for campers, whether for religious, medical, or philosophical reasons.

If a camper has a dietary restriction, **make sure it is indicated on their medical form**. In addition, please fill out the **Special Diet Request Form** found on the Council website, www.bsacoloradoadventure.org, in the Camp Library Section, and also alert the Registered Dietician for Kandle Dining Services, Jara Bauer, at jara@kandledining.com, **a minimum of three weeks in advance** to request special dietary needs. A member of camp management will confirm the arrangements with you. **If this form is not received by then, there is no guarantee that the kitchen will be able to accommodate the dietary needs.**

On arrival, check with the camp staff, as well as the food service personnel, and they will instruct you on how to get your special meals.



Road Safety

Safety of all guests at Peaceful Valley is our top priority. Please reference the following policies for information regarding driving on camp property.

While walking on the camp roads, please also be aware of vehicles that may need to drive by. It is suggested that participants walk on the right hand side of the road. If a vehicle needs to pass a group, the whole group should move to the same side of the road.

All pedestrians must move out of the way for medical vehicles. Any person who knowingly delays a medical vehicle when they are responding to call will be sent home.