

For new scouts - below is some general guidance on basic gear you may want to consider.

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## BACKPACKING EQUIPMENT – RECOMMENDED BASIC ITEMS (April 16, 2005)

The following backpacking items are some recommended choices. Certainly look over the Campmor site for more options. If you have questions please contact one of the scout leaders.

The troop does have some “loaner” equipment available for use. We understand you may be hesitant about making equipment purchases this early in the scouting program. And we will try to help out however possible with making arrangements for borrowing equipment if necessary. We absolutely don’t want any enthusiastic and interested Scout to avoid a trip due to an equipment issue.

**HIKING BOOTS** are one essential item that the troop requires you to have. (For obvious reasons we don’t want to look for “loaners”. If you have hand-me-downs available that’s fine with us. The main thing is fit, comfort and no sneakers.) If you do buy new boots waterproof is recommended, and it’s a good idea to wear them some before hiking to break them in.

**RAINGEAR** (coat, poncho, suit, etc.) Nothing specific is listed below, however this is another required item. (A Troop 9 campout seems to have some mysterious power to cause precipitation.) For backpacking, bulky raingear is not a good idea.

Troop 9 can get a 10% discount from CAMPMOR when ordering through our institutional account. So there is an advantage to not order directly. If you order things, we will notify you as soon as the order arrives, and make arrangements for you to get your supplies.

**WEB SITE: [www.campmor.com](http://www.campmor.com)**

### **BACKPACKS:**

Kelty Yukon Youth External Frame Pack

No. 60673

Regular Price: \$100.00

Price: **\$79.99**

Kelty Large Yukon External Frame Pack

No. 16677

Price: **\$79.99**

JanSport Scout Pack

No. 60307

Price: **\$79.99**

**SLEEPING BAG:** Look for 15 degree to 0 degree rating, mummy style is generally lighter weight and packs in a smaller volume. It may seem odd suggesting bags with these low temperature ratings, however as a general rule you can dress lighter or unzip

some if it gets too hot. For summer camp - blankets or an inexpensive fleece bag could be an option. Troop 9 does a lot of its camping in the colder months, so if you are only going to buy one sleeping bag, think about being prepared for the colder conditions.

Down is the best thermal insulator, BUT is expensive and is more easily affected by moisture. We recommend bags with synthetic insulation.

Slumberjack Latitude 0°F Mummy Sleeping Bag - Regular

No. 68539

**Temperature:** 0°F

**Insulation:** SlumberLoft HQ™

Price: **\$47.99**

Columbia Trekster Jr +10° Kids Mummy Sleeping Bag

No. 23993

**Temperature:** +10°F

**Insulation:** Thermal C 100% hollow fiber polyester

Price: **\$49.99**

Kelty Tundra 15° Mummy Camping Sleeping Bag Regular

No. 41751

**Temperature:** 15°

**Insulation:** Hillofil II

**Regular Price:** \$60.00

Price: **\$49.99**

Marmot 15° Trestles Polarguard 3D Mummy Sleeping Bag - Regular Length

No. 46444

**Temperature:** 15°

**Insulation:** Polarguard 3D

**Regular Price:** \$99.00

Price: \$79.97

(There are really a lot of sleeping bags available. You may want to browse some more on the Campmor site under “back packing sleeping bags”.)

**For Larger /Taller parents-**

Marmot 15° Trestles Polarguard 3D Mummy Sleeping Bag - Extra-Wide Long Length

Item No. 46446

\$89.97

**Slumberjack Ultrapacker Magnum 0° Thermolite® Quallo Mummy Bag**

**Item No. 80591**

**\$99.99**

**SLEEPING BAG PAD**

Therm-a-Rest® RidgeRest® Regular

No. 47725

Regular Price: \$19.95

Price: **\$19.95**

Therm-a-Rest® Z-Lite™ Regular

No. 47727

Price: **\$34.95**

(Folding is a little easier and slightly more compact than the roll up variety above. You decide if it's worth the extra \$.)

Therm-A-Rest® Backpacker ¾ Length Self-Inflating Mattress

No. 47619

Regular Price: \$50.00

Price: **\$29.97**

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

All-Weather Sportsman's Blanket (space blanket)

No. 81284

Price: **\$11.99**

Nalgene 32oz. Lexan Wide Mouth Loop-Top Bottle

No. 80351

Price: **\$6.99**

Wigwam Gobi Polypropylene Liner Socks

No. 01095

Price: **\$4.99**

Wigwam Merino Wool Comfort Hiker Socks

No. 19830

Price: **\$8.99**

Camp Trails Universal Pack Cover (Blue)

No. 60813

Regular Price: \$16.99

Price: **\$9.97**

Questions? Email or phone me or another one of the leaders.

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