

# Troop 457 March 2008 Campout Gear list

It is spring time and the weather is getting better but it could still be somewhat cool and wet in March. You will want to have some warm clothes for the evening and a decent sleeping bag. The following is a suggested gear list for each scout:

## Clothes: (Basically you need one complete change of clothes in case you get wet)

2 pair of regular underwear  
1 extra pair pants with belt  
2 extra pairs of medium wool or polyester socks  
2 long sleeve or short sleeve T - shirts  
1 medium wool sweater or polyester fleece  
1 handkerchief/bandana

## Outer-Wear:

Sturdy hiking boots that resist moisture (no sneakers!)  
Jacket with warmth (one with a hood is great)  
Two piece rain gear (Your jacket can double as rain gear if it is waterproof)  
Hat for warmth / wind break (I like a ball cap during the day and a fleece hat that covers the ears at night)  
1 pair gloves that resist moisture

## Sleeping Gear:

Good warm sleeping bag (a bag rated at 20°F is ideal)  
Sleeping pad that provides insulation from the ground and water resistance  
Very small pillow (optional, you can use extra clothes as a pillow).

## Personal Gear:

Back pack or duffle bag to carry all your stuff (we will be hiking to the campsite)  
Pack cover of some type (either bought or handmade, a large sturdy trash bag can work)  
Headlamp or small flashlight (I prefer a headlamp to keep the hands free while erecting a tent etc).  
Sun glasses  
1 liter water bottle  
Mess kit with utensils and insulated mug for water, drinks, and soups  
Toilet kit with soap, hand towel, toothpaste, and toothbrush  
Assortment of zip-lock bags for clothing/gear  
Medications (Should be labeled. Will be dispensed by an adult leader).  
Scout book, small pad of paper and a pencil.  
Deck of cards (no electronic games or music devices allowed at the campout).

The key to having fun outdoors is staying dry! Change out of wet clothes immediately. Dry the wet clothes; you will likely need them later. Wool or polyester clothing is the best because it does not absorb moisture like cotton and will keep you warm when wet.