

Winter Cabin Camping Personal Equipment List

This list summarizes the minimum equipment necessary for a typical Winter Cabin Campout. The facilities we use vary from rustic cabins to modern lodges. Most are at Boy Scout camps. If rustic, the cabins usually have electricity, fireplace heating, and bunkbeds (possibly with mattresses), but no inside running water or bathrooms (a water source will be on the campus, the bathroom facilities are outside latrines). If modern, the cabins will have all amenities - though in some cases a separate bathhouse is nearby.

Packing should be in a medium size duffel bag with clothing separated in small stuff-sacks (or larger clear plastic bags). Scouts should check off each item as he packs them.

If Scouts intend to camp outside during the Winter Cabin Campout, they need to refer to the Winter OUTSIDE Camping Equipment List. The list below is only for Scouts staying inside a cabin.

Sleeping Gear (Put Your Name On Everything):

- _____ A sleeping bag.
- _____ A foam pad (preferably not an air mattress).
- _____ A small pillow.

Do not bring large or heavyweight sleeping bags or big pillows; if the cabin is unheated except by fireplace and your sleeping bag is summer-weight, add an additional light blanket for warmth.

Eating Gear (Put Your Name On Everything):

- _____ A medium sized bowl, preferably plastic, with name plainly marked.
- _____ A knife, fork and spoon kit (trashy kitchen-ware will do).
- _____ A medium sized plastic cup, with name marked plainly.

Do not bring cheap plastic or easily breakable glass/porcelain items, expensive silverware, or anything overly heavy. Don't bring your family's "everyday" silverware if you cannot afford to lose it.

Clothing and Equipment:

Preliminary Comments - The list below is for typical Winter conditions at Winter cabins in the mid-Atlantic region. Pay close attention to the weather as we approach the Winter Cabin Campout weekend - if it is going to be unusually warm, unusually cold, snowy, windy, rainy, or any combination of the above, make rational additions or substitutions. These campouts tend to be clothing intensive, especially if the weather conditions are snowy or wet/muddy - meaning you should if possible bring more than you need, and expect to change clothing multiple times through the weekend. This also means you need designated dirty clothing bags (NOT plastic trash-bags!) to store your dirty, wet, or otherwise unuseable stuff. The list below is IN ADDITION to what you are wearing when we leave. You should be wearing a full set of winter clothing and BOOTS (not sneakers) when we leave.

VERY IMPORTANT - All Items Should Have Your Name On Them! As is "Everything." Scouts lose more personal gear on winter events than all other events combined.

- _____ Full Scout Uniform
- _____ 3 pair underwear (2 if returning early Sunday)
- _____ 2 pair cotton socks (in addition to those you're wearing)
- _____ 2 pair of thick/insulated socks
- _____ 1 pair gym shorts
- _____ 3 T-Shirt's (2 if returning early Sunday)
- _____ 2 pair long pants (should be heavy duty)
- _____ 2 sweatshirts, preferably with built-in hoods
- _____ 1 good sweater or heavy-duty fleece
- _____ A belt
- _____ 1 pullover hat (Baseball Caps are NOT OK, unless unusually warm weather is expected). Can be a good thick headband if preferred. Fleece or Windstopper are best.
- _____ A pair of sneakers for use inside the cabin - should be easily accessible.
- _____ A small towel
- _____ A large "dirty clothes" bag, preferably cloth, preferably with your name on it.
- _____ 1 set of thermal underwear (can be "light-duty")
- _____ Snow-pants if snow is present or possible
- _____ Face-Mask or Scarf - very important if windy conditions are expected.

If extensive outside activities are anticipated:

- _____ An EXTRA heavy weight winter coat (in ADDITION to one you're already wearing, wind/rain resistant, with a built-in hood) - especially needed if wet weather is expected.
- _____ An EXTRA pair of boots or heavy-duty sneakers (in ADDITION to ones you're already wearing)
- _____ Another pullover hat
- _____ EXTRA pairs of gloves (in ADDITION to ones you're already wearing, very important to have your name on all of these!)
- _____ Another set of thermal underwear (can be "light-duty")

Ancillary Clothing and Equipment (Put Your Name On Everything):

- _____ A flashlight (2 C-cell or 2 D-cell) with fresh batteries
- _____ A one quart canteen or water bottle
- _____ A toothbrush

Optional Equipment (Put Your Name On Everything):

- _____ A pair of UV-opaque Sunglasses
- _____ A small folding lock-blade knife
- _____ Chemical Handwarmer Packs (2 for each day) - Good if you easily get cold hands
- _____ A pair of goggles with clear lenses (some Scouts prefer for very cold or windy conditions)
- _____ A saucer or plastic slide-sled (only if there will be snow)
- _____ A deck of cards (Note: Don't expect them to survive the weekend)
- _____ A personal chess board or other board game (do not mix up with the Troop games)

NOTE: No Scout cell phones, electronics, or personal candy stashes allowed!!!