Winter Camping Equipment

See Boy Scout Handbook (10th edition), page 27-39, and 51-54.

Camping in the winter is more challenging than the summer. One must bring the necessary equipment and pay attention to stay warm, dry and comfortable. Over time develop your own list. Consider usefulness, weight and bulk.

CAMPING GEAR

- ❑ warm sleeping bag packed within a plastic waterproof bag inside protective stuff sack
- ❑ pack & frame w/ padded hip belt
- ❑ foam sleeping pad (or two)
- ❑ tent w/ extra stakes and plastic ground cloth
- ❑ plastic garbage bags for pack cover and for extra rain gear

COLD WEATHER CLOTHING

- ❑ good waterproof boots
- ❑ extra pair of shoes (water repellent if possible)
- ❑ warm long pants and belt
- ❑ 2-3 pairs heavy wool socks
- ❑ 2-3 pairs inner socks (polypropylene)
- ❑ extra pants and underwear
- ❑ warm pajamas
- ❑ long underwear
- ❑ 2 warm long-sleeve shirts
- ❑ sleeping cap
- ❑ warm coat with hood
- ❑ wool day hat which covers ears
- ❑ wool sweater
- ❑ wool scarf
- ❑ sweatshirt
- ❑ 2 pair gloves/mittens (You can use socks.)
- ❑ handkerchief or bandanas
- ❑ plastic bags in which clothing is packed

SCOUT ESSENTIALS

- ❑ Boy Scout Handbook
- ❑ canteen & water bottles (1-2 quarts)
- ❑ flashlight w/ extra batteries & bulbs
- ❑ rainsuit (use garbage bag in emergencies)
- ❑ matches in waterproof container
- ❑ first aid kit (w/ bandaids, moleskin, tape, disinfectant)
- ❑ pocketknife
- ❑ sun protection/chapstick
- ❑ compass and maps
- ❑ repair kit (s-pins; needle & thread, shoelaces, rubber bands)
- ❑ pencil & notebook
- ❑ 50' of 1/8" nylon safety cord

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EATING AND PERSONAL GEAR

- ❑ Spoon/knife/fork & plate/bowl
- ❑ toothbrush & toothpaste, cup, soap
- ❑ towel, washcloth, mirror, comb, deodorant
- ❑ toilet paper

EXTRA ITEMS

- ❑ medication
- ❑ extra glasses
- ❑ snowsuit and gaiters
- ❑ watch, alarm clock
- ❑ whistle
- ❑ money
- ❑ camera & film, extra batteries
- ❑ musical instruments and songbook
- ❑ water purification tablets
- ❑ liquid soap / scouring pads
- ❑ emergency or extra food