

Troop 171

Winter Camping and Klondike Derby Checklist



(modify for spring or fall conditions)

CONSIDER ALL ITEMS AS REQUIRED FOR WINTER CAMPING

MAJOR EQUIPMENT

- _____ Pack or duffle bag - if backpacking must have waistbelt that fits
- _____ Sleeping bag (down or synthetic rated to zero degrees or lower)
- _____ Foam pad (Essential. 2 are preferred, inflatable mates must have R value of 5 or higher)
- _____ Accessory straps (used to attach a sleeping bag and foam pad if using a frame pack. Belts, bungee cords, or rope do not work very well!)
- _____ Tent (designed for winter conditions. Plan on having a tent partner for safety. Confirm who is bringing the tent)

CLOTHING

- _____ Winter coat (Puffy style packable)
- _____ Shell Jacket non-insulated for wind
- _____ Long sleeve shirts (2 recommended. Synthetic or wool is best)
- _____ Long underwear (tops and bottoms - Synthetic or wool)
- _____ Wool socks (3 pairs are essential for winter camping - thick ones)
- _____ Inner socks (3 pairs, synthetic,)
- _____ Underwear (2 pairs)
- _____ Booties (synthetic or down)
- _____ Overbooties (Optional - light and packable, can be expensive and hard to find)
- _____ Pants (1 change required. Snow pants, ski pants, or insulated pants with elastic cuffs – no cotton jeans)
- _____ Gloves or mittens (mittens are the warmest. 2 PAIR REQUIRED, 3 recommended)
- _____ Wool ski cap (balaclava style with face mask is best)
- _____ Gaiters or pants with elastic cuffs (these will help keep snow out of boots and feet warmer)
- _____ Boots (waterproofed. Snowmobile or felt-insulated boots such as Sorels are the best)

DRESS IN LAYERS – NO COTTON!
Long underwear - pants/shirt – insulation
layer – outer wind/water layer



***** REMINDER: DRESS IN LAYERS and NO TENNIS SHOES OR LIGHTWEIGHT NYLON HIKING BOOTS ON WINTER TRIPS *****

EATING GEAR

- _____ Bowl (don't bring an entire kit mess kit)
- _____ Spoon
- _____ Water bottle (Wide mouth bottle is best) (FILL IT AND DRINK IT TO AVOID DEHYDRATION!).
- _____ Cup (insulated plastic mug is the best)
- _____ Sun Screen (IMPORTANT, even in winter)

TOILET ARTICLES

- _____ WAG Bag Kit
- _____ Chapstick or lip balm
- _____ Toothbrush and toothpaste (small travel size)

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- _____ Headlamp - with fresh alkaline or lithium batteries) Include extra batteries
- _____ Money (for stops on the way if an extended drive)
- _____ Nylon camping cord (50 feet)
- _____ Pocket knife
- _____ Sunglasses (IMPORTANT)
- _____ Disposable Hand Warmers (great for cold hands and put in boots at night)
- _____ Light packable snow shovel (avalanche style)
- _____ Hiking or ski poles with a snow basket
- _____ Matches (strike anywhere type, in a waterproof case - prescription bottles work great)
- _____ Large garbage bag or pack cover (to cover your pack at night)
- _____ Personal First Aid Supplies (moleskin, Band Aids, Tylenol, etc.)
- _____ Prescription or non-prescription medications (give the trip leader a duplicate of important medications)
- _____ Whistle (plastic on a neck lanyard – not metal)
- _____ Compass (quality compass, liquid filled, not a toy)
- _____ Scout Handbook or copy of pages (if Scout --> 1st Class)
- _____ Healthy Munchies

TEN ESSENTIALS – Keep with you in a daypack. Do not give these items to someone else to share or carry!

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| _____ 1. Pocketknife | _____ 2. First aid kit (small personal) |
| _____ 3. Extra clothing [appropriate for the season] | _____ 4. Outer layer jacket (for rain/wind protection) |
| _____ 5. Water bottle [full when trip starts] | _____ 6. Headlamp [new, quality, spare batteries] |
| _____ 7. Trail food [munchies] keep some for emergencies | _____ 8. Matches and fire starters |
| _____ 9. Map and compass (each person and know how to use it) | _____ 10. Sun screen (small bottle – even in winter) |

PATROL LEADER ITEMS FOR KLONDIKE DERBY ***** (NOTE: ALL SCOUTS ON THE SLED NEED THE 10 ESSENTIALS WITH THEM ON IN A DAYPACK)

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| _____ Watch (really) | _____ Scout Handbook |
| _____ Pencil and notebook | _____ Compass |

_____ Sled repair kit (tape, pliers, screws, etc.)
_____ Other items on the sled list provided to Patrol Leaders

_____ Troop 2-way radio (set to channel 7.5)

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SPECIAL GEAR TO TAKE WHEN SKIING OR HIKING IN THE WINTER

_____ Daypack (to carry gear on the trail)	_____ Water bottle (drink at least 1 liter)
_____ Munchies (granola bars, gorp, etc.)	_____ Eating utensils for lunch
_____ Compass	_____ Spare wool socks
_____ Spare gloves or mittens	_____ Headlamp
_____ Survival Kit (if available)	_____ Matches in waterproof bottle

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SPECIAL GEAR FOR A SNOW CAVING TRIP

_____ Extra gloves and mittens (3 is not too many)	_____ Rain jacket and pants or chaps
_____ Shovel (w/ your name on it)(avalanche or small folding style)	_____ 5 gallon bucket
_____ Extra change of clothes (2 changes are nice)	_____ Ground cloth for floor of cave