

Troop 482



**How to pack for
Yawgoog Summer Camp**

What the ...

Packing for a week at Yawgoog Summer Camp can sometimes be a daunting task, especially for scouts who are attending for the first time.



Let's see if we can help answer questions for both parents and scouts about what equipment, clothing and personal items they will need for a successful week at Yawgoog and show the best way to get all that stuff in one footlocker.

Foot Locker

The first item your scout will need is a foot locker. This is the trunk that he will be keeping all of his clothes and personal items in for the week.



This trunk must have a hole for a lock. These trunks can be found at most super stores such as Walmart.

Your scout will need a combination lock for the foot locker.



Please do not send your scout with a keyed lock. If he loses the key, the trunk will be damaged when we will be forced to open it.

A typical 'Master' combination lock is the most suitable for the trip. This type of lock can be purchased at any hardware or all purpose store.

Flashlight



One of the many issues we deal with at summer camp is the *dark*. There are generally eight scouts to a tent and they must all learn to live with each other for a week. If your scout is accustomed to sleeping with some sort of light source, this can lead to numerous disagreements.

The appropriate flashlight is essential. The flashlight should be small enough so your scout can bring it to bed with him. He can turn it on under the covers, if necessary, so he will not disturb the other scouts.

Many stores sell an inexpensive LED flashlight. This type of flashlight requires less energy and the batteries will last longer. (Remember to include some extra batteries as well)



Cup and Water Bottle



Although most of your scout's meals will be served in the Mess Hall, he will need a cup for drinking while he is at the camp site. This cup should have a lid to keep out insects and prevent spilling.

Camp Yawgoog is a wonderful place and extremely large. Our trip is in July and we do get some hot days. During the week your scout may be going on hikes or may need to walk a distance to the location of a merit badge program. **A reusable water bottle is great for just these situations.**



Sleeping Bag and Pad

Your scout's bed is essentially a bunk bed with a canvas bottom. There is no mattress. Most scouts generally sleep in a sleeping bag. Your scout's sleeping bag should be suitable for warmer temperatures.



During the night, condensation can build up between canvas and the sleeping bag, keeping it damp.



If you have already purchased a sleeping pad for camping, this works as an excellent barrier between the canvas and the bag. The item can be found at most sporting goods stores. You can also use an additional blanket, but it would still need to be dried out periodically during the week.

Neckerchief and Slide



Each evening at camp we dress for dinner in our Class A uniforms.

Typically 5 minutes before dinner, the cry goes out, **"I can't find neckerchief! I can't find my slide!"**

When packing your scout's clothes please pack their neckerchief and slide in a zip lock type bag. It will hopefully make it easier for them to keep track of it in the *black hole* know as their foot locker.

Of course this would require that they put it back in the bag after they use it.



Rain Gear

Historically the weather at Yawgoog has been favorable during the week we are there.



However, we do get rain periodically. It is important that your scout has some type of rain gear for inclement weather as they walk from place to place in the camp.

The simplest solution is a rain poncho which can be purchased from a sporting goods store or super store. Make sure the size is suitable for your scout's height (It should end below the knee). The quality of the poncho is important as well. ***Inexpensive or disposable ponchos tend to fall apart after their first use.***



Bugs, Bugs, Bugs!

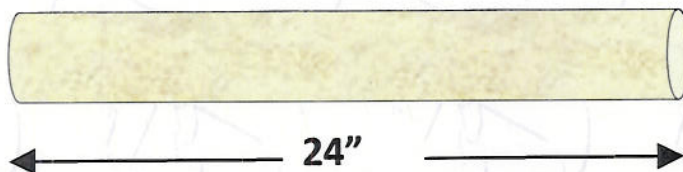


Each scout reacts differently to insects. The scouts will be sleeping in a tent that is essentially like being outdoors. The tent has a canvas roof with sides that can be rolled down. During the day the sides are up and bugs will come in and out.

We recommend that you send your scout with mosquito netting for his bunk. The netting can be purchased a camping store or through the internet. If you want to purchase it through the internet, type **“Rectangular Mosquito Net - Single”** into the search engine.



The netting will need to be attached to dowels. **Each dowel should be 2 feet long and 1 inch in diameter.** You can buy this at any lumber yard. You will also need duct tape so the poles can be attached to the bunk.



Chair

We are fortunate that our campsite has seating that surround the fire pit. However, with so many scouts attending summer camp, there isn't always enough room for everyone. It can be a long week without a comfortable chair.



We suggest that your scout bring a collapsible camping chair like the one you bring when attending an outdoor sporting event. Many of you may already have one in your garage.



We suggest that you put your name on the chair to avoid disputes at camp and increase the odds that it will return with your scout.

Packing

Now comes the fun part. You have to get all the stuff you will need for the week into your footlocker. Make sure you have put your scout's name on all his clothes and other items.

Here some examples of what should be packed in your footlocker:



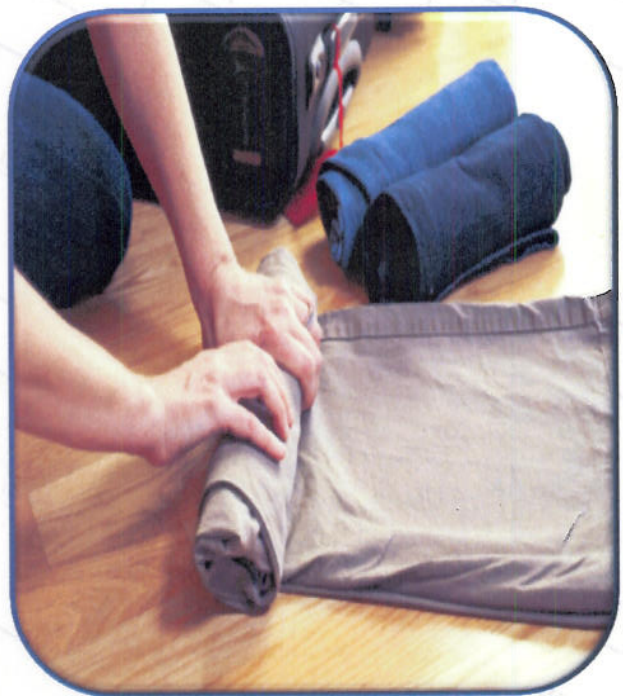
Please take the time to review the full Camping Check List on our website for all items your scout will need.

Packing Your Clothes



One of the most common mistakes is attempting to pack the foot locker like a traditional suitcase. Stacking folded clothes will only fill it up faster.

Rolling each individual article of clothing will help compress the clothing and conserve space for toiletries and other less forgiving items.



In the end...

You should have these items to bring to the bus:

Foot Locker



Sleeping Bag



Ground Pad



Chair



and Fishing Rod

