

# Gear Required for First Camp Out

BSA Troop 222

Thunderbird District

Three Fires Council

- Rain suit or poncho
- Hiking or trail-walking shoes (no gym shoes)
- Mess kit: Consisting of fork, spoon and small knife; plus, a cup or mug for drinking. The BSA mess kit is a good investment as it provides all this equipment in one easily packed enclosure.
- BSA Canteen or water bottle with cap. Either of these has to have some form of carrying strap so it does not have to be carried by hand at all times.
- Sleeping bag rated for 30 degrees or lower. If you don't have a 30 degree bag, you can put two 50 degree bags inside one another to get this rating. Kids-type novelty indoor use bags should not be brought on a campout
- (Optional) closed cell foam or self-inflating air mattress. The  $\frac{3}{4}$  length light-weight air mattresses are a better investment as they can be used on hi-adventure outings
- Flashlight with spare batteries. Recommend AA maglite, or equal.
- Stocking cap and mittens
- Compass
- Scout Handbook
- Personal clothing. Try to stay away from cotton for outer layers if at all possible, due to its' inability to dry quickly
- Cub Scouts Knives cannot be used by Boy Scouts until the Boy Scout "Totin Chip" is earned. We will be hosting classes for Totin Chip and Fire'm chit (for building fires) on the first couple of new-scout outings.

**Please put your name on all your equipment with permanent marker or an engraver to minimize confusion and prevent loss!**

The troop provides tents with ground cloths, cooking equipment such as pots and pans and stoves, plus cleaning supplies.

## **Some differences you should note**

- Once in boy scouts, scouts are required to sleep in a separate tent than their parents. The campgrounds are always divided into adult areas and scout areas per BSA guidelines.
- Cooking, cleaning and menu-planning is performed by the scouts, with minimum supervision by an assistant scoutmaster, or patrol advisor.
- Whether the parent or legal guardian of a scout attends an outing or not, **parents need to take an active role in verifying their scout has all necessary equipment before leaving for an outing.**