



WHAT SHOULD I TAKE TO CAMP?

A guide for parents and Cubs getting ready for a weekend camp

What should I wear when I arrive? Unless you are told otherwise, you should always wear your Cub uniform to a camp or activity. Shirt, scarf (with woggle) and your choice of pants and shoes. Also bring a jumper or coat if it looks like rain/cold weather.

What other clothes should I take? You won't be staying in uniform for very long! Take along a couple of T-shirts, short pants, socks, underwear and a sunhat to wear during the day. No hat, no play rules usually apply on camp. It may get a bit cold in the evening or at night, so pack a jumper and long pants to change into later. Remember most camps involve dusty or muddy or wet activities, so only bring old clothes and bring a spare set in case you get wet.

What about sleeping? We provide a tent to sleep in (or a room if we are indoors!) You will need to bring a sleeping bag and a bed mat or roll. Sleeping bags can vary in thickness and warmth – you get what you pay for! If you are camping at cold times of year, then bring an extra blanket or two to wrap around your sleeping bag. You can even blanket stitch it to make a sleeping bag cover – this is a very effective way of keeping warm. A therma-rest or self-inflating mat is also a great idea to make the bed a bit more comfortable and to give some insulation from the colder ground. Small pillows are always useful (or blow up versions), but a rolled up jumper or coat can be just as good to save space! You will also want to wear trackie-pants and a T-shirt in case you need to get up during the night!

And on my feet? Campsites are not carpeted! Although thongs are useful for the showers, they are not very practical around camp. Trainers are best – an old pair and a spare pair will be needed in case one gets wet.

Eating and washing You will need a plate, bowl, mug, knife, fork, spoon and a tea-towel all in a cloth bag (This is a mess kit). These items should be unbreakable (plastic, enamel or metal). The tea-towel is essential! A wash bag containing tooth paste, tooth brush, flannel, soap and whatever other toiletries you require should be brought. Don't forget a towel – especially if water activities are involved or there are showers. Maybe you will need two towels?!

Packing your bags If we are traveling far, remember to pack everything securely. A soft kit bag is the most practical or a small suitcase allows you to see everything you have brought. Rucksacks can be used, but it is easy to lose things inside!

Other things to bring Maybe you want to bring a small torch (check the batteries before you leave), a book/magazine/comic to read, a water bottle for use during the day, a warm hat, a teddy or soft toy, a dirty washing bag, a personal first aid kit, your medication/glasses if used.

Things not to bring Electronic games, walkmans, etc. Anything that makes a noise, is expensive or breakable or not marked with your name! You should also not pack any lollies or food other than your lunch – we provide snacks and lollies through the day and store them out of the sun and away from insects.

If you have any questions, it is best to ask before you leave! Turning up at camp with the wrong equipment means you will be uncomfortable or we will waste time trying to get you organized!