

Troop 773 Camping Equipment

Backpacking:

- High-top hiking boots. Waterproof. Gortex or other. Oboz (Bridger), Solomon, Keen, Asolo, and Lowa. Vasques are ok. Merrells are a tad light but a bunch of Scouts wears them.
 - <https://www.outdoorgearlab.com/topics/shoes-and-boots/best-hiking-boots>
- Hiking socks. Wool or synthetic. At least three pairs. Sock liners. Smart Wool, Dawn Tough, and REI.
 - <https://www.outdoorgearlab.com/topics/shoes-and-boots/best-hiking-socks>
- Backpack. 65 liters preferred (55 liters to 75 liters range). Osprey, Gregory, and REI. Osprey Atmos AG 65 is an excellent pack. Packs must be fitted.
 - <https://www.outdoorgearlab.com/topics/camping-and-hiking/best-backpacks-backpacking>
- Sleeping bag. Buy a 20-degree bag. A 20-degree bag will be tolerable in the summer and warm enough on campouts in the winter. A 20-degree bag means you survive at 20 degrees and are comfortable at 30 degrees. When buying scout stuff always buy for backpacking. Equipment should be light. Down or synthetic, mummy. An inexpensive colder bag may be needed for winter, a zero-degree bag or lower. A bag liner can extend the temperature rating. North Face, REI, Therm-A-Rest, or Slumberjack (inexpensive).
 - <https://www.outdoorgearlab.com/topics/camping-and-hiking/best-budget-backpacking-sleeping-bag>
- Sleeping pad or air mattress. Most Scouts use the Therm-A-Rest Z Lite Sol. Pads are good for Scouting because they do not pop. Buy a pad that has at least an R-Value of 2.6. Winter camping requires an R-Value of 5 (stack two pads).
 - <https://www.outdoorgearlab.com/topics/camping-and-hiking/best-sleeping-pad>
- Rain suit. Jacket and pants. Packable. Gortex or other. Breathable. Light.
 - <https://www.outdoorgearlab.com/topics/clothing-mens/best-rain-jacket>
- Water bottles. Three 1 liter or two 1.5 liters. Buy Nalgene bottles. Some Scouts should carry four liters. Some Scouts prefer Smartwater bottles.
 - <https://www.nalgene.com/>
 - <https://www.nalgene.com/product/2079-0032/>
 - <https://www.nalgene.com/product/2179-0032/>
 - <https://www.nalgene.com/product/2179-0048/>
- Mess kit. Bowl and spork for backpacking. Mug optional (drink out of the bowl). Plate for car camping.
 - <https://www.rei.com/product/100082/gsi-outdoors-campware-serving-bowl>
 - <https://www.rei.com/product/895460/gsi-outdoors-infinity-stacking-cup>
 - <https://www.rei.com/product/131280/humangear-gobites-uno-sorks-package-of-2>
 - <https://www.rei.com/product/895455/gsi-outdoors-cascadian-1-person-table-set>
- Headlamp or flashlight. Lightweight. Black Diamond or such.
 - <https://www.rei.com/product/141406/black-diamond-spot-lite-160-headlamp>

- Hiking pants. Convertible. No cotton.
 - <https://www.rei.com/product/150401/rei-co-op-sahara-convertible-pants-mens>
- Thermal underwear. No cotton. Lightweight to mid-weight in spring and fall. A heavyweight in winter. Crew neck. Patagonia, North Face, REI, Duofold (inexpensive).

Car camping and other activities:

- Duffel bag
- Bag chair
- Hiking shoes. Merrel, Oboz, Keen.
 - <https://www.rei.com/product/113824/merrell-moab-2-wp-low-hiking-shoes-mens>
- Closed-toe water shoes. Keen, Teva
 - <https://www.rei.com/product/707782/keen-newport-h2-sandals-mens>
 - <https://www.rei.com/product/145962/keen-rialto-ii-h2-sandals-mens>

Camping websites (other than Amazon). Signup for emails to catch sales.

- <https://www.rei.com/>
- <https://www.campmor.com/>
- <https://www.backcountry.com/>
- <https://www.backcountryedge.com/>
- <https://www.outdoorgearlab.com/>
- <https://www.cleverhiker.com/>
- <https://gearjunkie.com/>
- <https://www.backpacker.com/>