

OUR CAMPING CHECKLIST

Shelter

- Ground cloth or tarp
- Tent/s
- Spare tent stakes
- Brush or small hand held broom for sweeping out tent
- Portable chairs and stools
- Sleeping bags and pads
- Pillows
- Lantern and lantern fuel
- Flashlights for everyone (consider headlamps for hands-free roaming at night)
- Spare batteries
- Rope or twine
- Clothespins and clothesline
- Duct tape
- Lightweight handsaw
- Axe
- Hammer
- Pocketknife

Cooking Supplies

Pack these supplies in a sturdy, portable tub so your camping kitchen is always ready to go when you are.

- Camping stove and fuel
- Portable grill, charcoal and lighter fluid
- Firewood and kindling
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Fire extinguisher

- Cooking pots and pans
- Potholders and/or oven mitts
- Can/bottle opener
- Cooking utensil set (large cooking and serving spoons, tongs, knives, spatulas, measuring cup)
- Coffee pot
- Food storage containers
- Dining kit for each camper (plates, cups, bowls, forks, knives, spoons)
- Tablecloth
- Large water jug or bladder
- Cooler and ice
- Dish detergent, sponges and scrubbers
- Dish towels
- Plastic basin for washing dishes
- Paper towels
- Trash bags
- Heavy-duty aluminum foil
- Bamboo skewers (for toasting marshmallows)
- Plastic wrap
- Zipper-lock bags in various sizes (quart, gallon, etc.)
- Citronella candles (to repel mosquitoes)

Food

- Bread
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Fresh fruits and vegetables

- Cold beverages (juice, milk)
- Hot beverages (coffee, tea, cocoa)
- Hot and cold cereals
- Cooking oil
- Condiments (sugar, salt, pepper, ketchup, mustard, etc.)
- Groceries for lunches and dinners (see our [Camping Recipes](#) section for ideas)
- Campfire treats (popcorn, marshmallows, chocolate and graham crackers for S'mores)

Toiletries

- Bath towels and washcloths
- Soap in plastic containers
- Antibacterial hand soap
- Baby wipes
- Tissues
- Shampoo
- Toothbrushes, toothpaste and dental floss
- Deodorant
- Combs and brushes
- Razors and shaving cream
- Female hygiene products
- Mosquito repellent for kids and adults
- Lip balm
- Small hand mirror
- Miniature sewing kit
- Any needed prescriptions

OUR CAMPING CHECKLIST (CONTINUED)

Clothing

- Shirts and t-shirts
- Warm sweaters or sweatshirts
- Shorts
- Long pants
- Pajamas or sweats for sleeping
- Underwear
- Socks
- Long underwear if camping in cool weather
- Jackets
- Mittens or gloves
- Knit hats
- Rain gear
- Comfortable shoes and sandals
- Hiking boots and/or sports sandals
- Laundry bag and detergent

Recreation

- Your [KOA Trip Book](#) with plenty of scrapbook pages
- Sun hats with wide brims
- Sunglasses that block at least 99% of UVA and UVB radiation
- Waterproof sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher
- Swimsuits, swim towels and water toys
- Rubber thongs or sandals for beach, pool and shower

- Small backpacks for day trips
- Binoculars
- Compass
- Whistles for signaling others
- Water bottles
- Digital camera and memory card or film camera and film
- Reading material
- Outdoor toys such as kites, balls and frisbees
- Board games and deck of cards
- Musical instruments and song books
- Arts and crafts supplies
- Notebooks, pens and pencils
- Guidebooks and maps

First Aid Kit

Purchase a pre-assembled kit, or pack your own in a solid portable box:

- Sterile adhesive bandages in different sizes
- Gauze rolls and pads in different sizes
- Adhesive tape
- Safety pins
- Scissors
- Tweezers (for splinters and ticks)
- Needle
- Latex gloves
- Cotton swabs
- Tongue depressors

- Moistened towelettes
- Mild liquid soap
- Antiseptic wipes
- Hydrogen peroxide
- Antibiotic ointment
- Rubbing alcohol to disinfect scissors, tweezers and thermometer
- Lotion for insect bites and rashes
- Petroleum jelly or other lubricant
- Burn ointment
- Snakebite kit if camping in poisonous snake territory
- Thermometer
- Non-aspirin pain reliever appropriate for children
- First aid manual (The Red Cross publishes first aid manuals for both humans and pets, and also sells pre-assembled first aid kits.)

Other Items

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