

### **Troop 1104 Recommended Beginning Camping Items:**

Day Pack – similar to what you carry to school

Two 1-Quart water bottles—Nalgene or similar, but clean Gatorade bottles work as well

Sleeping bag—+20 degrees, nylon shell and lining, man-made fiber fill (Slumberjack or Coleman brands are examples)

Sleeping Pad—blue foam or yellow with honeycomb foam (a Thermalite pad can be very pricey)

Mess Kit—Plastic, Stainless Steel or Teflon coated aluminum—NOT the soft aluminum; you will need cup and utensils also

Flashlight or headlamp—headlamps work better, keeping hands free

Battery lantern for tents—NO fuel lanterns ever permitted in tents

Rain Jacket—nylon coated shell, NOT a poncho

Fleece sweater/jacket—warm even when wet

Wool or polypropylene socks—cotton socks cause blisters

Duffle bag—for carrying camping gear

Compass—base plate style

Mosquito net (for summer camp)

Polypropylene t-shirts and under garments

Nylon pants with zip-off legs—can even find at scout shop as uniform item

NOT TO BUY: Down anything—when it gets wet, takes forever to dry; pocket knife or hatchet (until the scout earns the Totin Chip normally done at the first summer camp); full size back packs; tent; stove—we have this gear in the Troop trailer