



New Cub Camping Checklist

Welcome to Cub Scouting! One of the most daunting parts for families can often be the first campout. But don't fret; your Pack is here to help!

Tents: When we camp at Black Creek Scout Reservation, canvas tents with two cots inside are provided. However, most families prefer to bring their own tent. Keep in mind that whatever the capacity of people a tent says it covers, cut that in half (example: 4 person tent is really for 2 people plus their gear). You may want to check Facebook marketplace for tent deals before you buy new.

Camping Pad or Cots: Your personal comfort dictates this preference. Many adults prefer to have a cot, but you need to be sure it will fit in the tent you have. Most kids do fine with a simple camping pad under their sleeping bag.

Sleeping Bags: Cubs typically do not do cold weather camping, however, we can get down into the 20s some of our winter overnights. Add in an extra blanket for colder weather and a lightweight sheet for summers. And don't forget your pillow.

Campfire Chair: Each person should bring one chair with them. We have limited folding chairs in the Pack trailer if someone forgets, but your back may have a different preference.

Cookware: As a Pack, we cook our meals together at our campouts, so save yourself on stoves and cookware. A basic mess kit is always a great investment, and for adults who enjoy coffee, include a hot beverage mug. Otherwise, a refillable water bottle per person will get you through most weekends.

Flashlights: Each person should have one flashlight on campouts. Many kids prefer headlamps to holding something in their hands.

First Aid Kit: First aid kits are a required part of the Cub Scout six essentials, but you may want to add items for your family's comfort: bite/sting ointment, pain reliever, any medications specific to your family.

Battery-powered fans: This is a cheap investment that you may really appreciate on warm Georgia nights.



Shower Items: Prepare your own toiletry bag to get you through each campout. There is a trading post at Black Creek for forgotten items, but it may not always be open. Start saving those sample and hotel items now. Include at least one washcloth and towel and a pair of flip-flops for your shower. A laundry bag to take home dirty clothes is also highly recommended.

Clothesline and Clothespins: Someone in your camp may already have one and be willing to share with you, but these are not usually publicly available at camps. Plan ahead for your own.

Rain gear: You'll think you'll remember it, but it's something that is often forgotten. Buy a cheap poncho per person to keep in your camp gear just in case. You'll appreciate it when you left your rain jacket in your other car.

Bug spray, sunscreen, and hat: One of each should be included in your camping gear.

Pocketknives: Only Scouts that have earned their Whittling Chip and are Bears, Webelos or Arrow of Light may have pocketknives with them at campouts. Be sure they have their Whittling Chip card with them.

Campfires: Fire items are contained in the Pack trailer. However, you can collect dryer lint in a ziploc bag to be used as fire starter. Cubs are not permitted to start fires at any time.

Daypack: When camping at Black Creek, we can be gone for several hours. You will need to carry snacks, water bottle, and the Cub Scout six essentials, so include a daypack or sling bag in your camping gear.

Gear box or Duffle: We can camp up to five times a year or more. If you plan to camp often, purchase a weather-proof storage box or extra large duffle to keep all your items together and ready to go for each outing.

Cooler: The Pack will plan ahead for meals, but families usually like to bring their own snacks or drinks. Get a cooler rated for three days of ice. Ice machines are available at Black Creek Scout Reservation but sometimes break down, so plan accordingly.