

FRONTIERS CAMP 2018

RECOMMENDED PACKING/EQUIPMENT LIST

Frontiers Camp is modeled on the Mountain Man rendezvous of the fur trade in the early 1800's. We therefore ask that the campers bring clothing that either fits in with the period or at least is not obviously out of place. There should be no need to buy clothing specifically for camp other than perhaps suspenders. Everyone must have suspenders. The suspenders are an integral part of the camp uniform all week long and must be worn at all times except while swimming, sleeping, and during bathroom use.

Examples of typical clothing worn are simple colored t-shirts (with no design or logo), plaid flannel shirts, jeans, jean shorts, cargo shorts, felt hat, knit hat (toque), brimmed hat. We do not permit nylon clothing or clothes having a camouflage pattern. Baseball style hats of any kind are not permitted.

Scout uniforms are not required for this unique BSA camp experience. The official uniform at Frontiers Camp is a pair of suspenders, which are required of all campers and staff.

Footgear must have closed toes. Sneakers and Gortex/waterproof boots are recommended. For use at the lakefront during swims only sandals are okay.

Raingear is allowed to be modern because staying dry and warm is important and we don't expect families to have oilskins handy. Likewise swimsuits may be modern in design.

You can count on rain, so be sure that your son has raingear. Without it he may end up dealing with hypothermia and have to be sent home and we'd rather not have that happen. Sometimes other gear gets wet and so it is recommended that you pack gear into something waterproof. Because of the chance of gear getting wet, particular for the first-time campers that sleep in teepees, we strongly suggest bringing wool blankets instead of sleeping bags. Blankets dry out much faster than sleeping bags. At least 2-3 blankets should be brought. When combined with a capote and layers of clothing that should provide sufficient insulation for sleeping.

Be aware that the temperatures during the time of camp can vary widely. We have had some evening temperatures in the 30's and other times with day temperatures in the 90's. So plan accordingly with a variety of clothing options that can be layered. Having a capote (which is a simple coat from a blanket or cloth the size of a blanket) can be extraordinarily helpful. (see below)

We have a campfire every evening through the week. At campfires the staff all dress the part of those that would typically be at a rendezvous. These include natives, mountain men, traders, and so forth. If your son would like to bring an outfit to wear for the campfires that fits into the period then feel free to send it along but because of the effort and/or expense this is totally optional. All native American attire must be reviewed and approved when you arrive at camp.

This link provides you with information about Mountain Man clothing, including instructions about how to make a capote. Note that we recommend using wool for capotes rather than fleece because fleece is fairly flammable and we do use campfires for cooking all our meals.

<http://www.varsityrendezvous.com/pdf/clothing.pdf>

Wool blankets may be obtained through Army/Navy surplus stores or even online. Wools such as Alpaca are available for those that want to avoid the itchiness of regular sheep's wool.

We want to stress that Frontiers Camp does not expect any camper to purchase period clothing for camp. These additional clothing items are strictly optional and will not interfere in your son's experience if he does not have them. Basic pants, generic t-shirts, flannel shirts, and good footwear are more than suitable. Goodwill and thrift shop/second hand stores are a great place for inexpensive Frontier style clothing.

3 or more blankets & pillow (sleeping bags are not recommended) (Wool blankets work best and inexpensive ones are available in Army surplus outlets.)	1 ground cloth, <u>and</u> 1 groundpad This is REQUIRED for all scouts	1 Pair of sneakers, <u>and</u> 1 Pair of extra sneakers or closed-toed sandals (teva-style). NO OPEN TOED SHOES are allowed to be worn during camp activities.
4 pairs of jeans and shorts (cargo style, non-athletic)	A week's worth of t-shirts (generic with no writing on them)	A week's worth of underwear and socks
Suspenders (Required) any color	2-3 Flannel shirts and fall weather jacket or capote (see above)	1 <u>quality</u> poncho or raincoat <u>and</u> 1 pair gortex/waterproof boots
A period style hat (no commercial or baseball hats)	Personal toiletry articles and bathing towel	Swim trunks and beach towel
Medical form copy (see note on camper checklist)	Medications (see note on camper checklist)	Pocket knife or sheath knife (nothing larger than 4" blade).
Pair of work gloves	Water bottle (write name on bottom)	Sweat suit for night wear
Inexpensive space blanket (required for all 1 st year campers)	Small mesh bag (onion bag) to air dry eating gear (if your scout bring their own mess kit)	Costume: Mountain Man or Native American (see note on camper checklist)
Shower shoes or flip flops	Insect repellent	Sunscreen
A mesh bag for laundry	BSA Handbook (if working on advancement)	Merit Badge worksheets and Hunter Ed materials
A notebook to journal (optional)	Previously made regalia, chokers, bells, gorget (if awarded)	Free Trapper Medal (if awarded)

Parents: Please review this list and ensure that your son has packed all that is required.

A reminder that Frontiers Camp is set in the early 1800's. As a result, the use of flashlights and electronic devices are not permitted. We have a supply of lanterns to properly light the camp in the evenings. Cellphones, cameras, iPods, video game player are strictly prohibited during the camp week. Please leave these items at home.