

TROOP 127 GEAR LIST

I have compiled the following information to assist new members in with their Scout Shop purchases, Troop specific merchandise, and basic camping equipment needs. If you have any questions or are unable to locate the needed items, please give me a call. – Tali Ploetz, Scoutmaster 817-938-1760

Scout Shop: Here is what you need from the Scout Shop, which is located in the shopping center at Bowen and Pioneer Parkway - Northeast corner. [Scout Shop Link](#)

Required Items - Generally the folks working in the store know exactly what you need. The only thing they won't know is the patrol patch, which won't be a problem because we will purchase patrol patches for you.

- Boy Scout book - A cover for the book is optional - but it does help keep your Scout's book together. (They tend to fall apart after a couple years). The book is available with a spiral binding and a normal binding. Either type works.
- Tan Scout shirt - go a little big on this so your Scout has room to grow.
- All patches including the Longhorn Council patch.
- Green epaulets*
- A custom embroidered neckerchief may be obtained from the Troop
- The Troop 127 number patch can be purchased from our Treasurer*
- Merit Badge sash (get the 36" size to allow for growth)

* Item may have been provided by the Troop at a Webelos Cross-over ceremony

Optional Items:

- Scout pants - The boys love these and the parents like them too. They are comfortable; they switch into shorts; they don't show dirt; and they dry quickly when the boys get them wet. The only drawback is the price.
- Scout belt - A non-Scouting leather belt will work, but some boys prefer to have the fabric Scout belt. Note - if you purchase the Switchback pants, they come with a belt.

Sewing Patches on the shirt - I recommend you sew the patches onto the shirt (don't use the Badge Magic iron-on adhesive - after a couple washings it leaves a nasty black "ring" around your patches). If you don't sew we have a seamstress who will sew them on for you. Her order form is on the website at www.jeditexan.com/troop127 Alternatively, I recommend you pin the patches to the shirt (using the uniform guide available inside the Scout handbook or at <http://www.scouting.org/forms/34283.pdf>) and take the shirt to the dry cleaners. Most will sew the patches on for \$1 to \$2 a patch. If they charge more than that, take it somewhere else.

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Troop specific items are available for purchase:

- Activity shirt (required) - \$10
- Commemorative Troop neckerchief (we provide the first one) - \$10
- Troop hat (optional) - \$18
- Hoodie sweatshirt (optional) - \$20

Equipment - I recommend Academy, Cabelas, Campmor.com for inexpensive basic camping gear. Please keep in mind that the following lists may not include all the gear needed for a specific campout (i.e., a canoe trip,

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summer camp, backpacking, etc.). If specialty gear needed for a given campout, it will be discussed during Troop meetings. In addition, the below lists do not include common household items needed on campouts (pillow, socks, tennis shoes/hiking boots, jackets, other clothing). Check your Scout handbook or the Troop website for packing lists for weekend campouts.

As a general rule, for winter campouts your Scout will need the following equipment:

- Warm sleeping bag - Keep in mind that the weather sometimes dips below freezing when we camp in the winter, so purchase a bag rated slightly lower than our historical winter temperatures to keep your Scout warm.
- Sleeping pad - A pad helps insulate your Scout from the cold ground when we winter camp and to help "smooth out the rocks" on the hard ground. You can get an inexpensive pad for less than \$20. Alternatively, if you get a good one it will last your Scout until he goes off to college. For example, Thermarest pads are guaranteed for life and they work great. (Thermarest will replace the pad for free, even if Fido tears it to shreds. Just ask, because it happened to a former T127 leader.) However, they also cost a small fortune. Check around on prices.
- Water wicking long johns - NOT COTTON
- Heavy socks - NOT COTTON
- Ski cap of some sort (to keep warm during day or when sleeping at night)
- Gloves
- Scarf
- Water bottle/Camelbak
- Rain coat/ pancho
- Flashlight - Go small. Your Scout does not need a heavy 14 inch Maglight ;)
- Mess kit including a plate, bowl, cup, spoon, fork, and a ditty bag to carry it in. The ditty bag also serves to hold the dishes while they "line" dry.
- Camp chair (think compact, lightweight, and cheap - most run \$8 to \$15)

As a general rule, for summer campouts your Scout will need the following equipment (Note, this list is not inclusive of all gear that may be required for 5 day summer camp outings):

- Sleeping bag, blanket, or lightweight liner
- Sleeping pad - A pad helps insulate your Scout from the cold ground when we winter camp and to help "smooth out the rocks" on the hard ground. You can get an inexpensive pad for less than \$20. Alternatively, if you get a good one it will last your Scout until he goes off to college. For example, Thermarest pads are guaranteed for life and they work great. (Thermarest will replace the pad for free, even if Fido tears it to shreds. Just ask, because it happened to a former T127 leader.) However, they also cost a small fortune. Check around on prices.
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