



## Holiday gift ideas for Scouts and Scouters (Dads & Moms)



If you look at the standard equipment list, there are plenty of things that could be given as gifts. The following are things that make camping more enjoyable and comfortable.

**2 piece rain suit** – look for the words: “Waterproof”, “Breathable”, and “Taped Seams”.

**Self inflating sleeping pad.**

**Compact *lightweight* sleeping bag** – 20 degree rating, less than 5 lbs total weight.

**Waterproof stuff bag** – for sleeping bag. OR Advanced Hydroseal bags are good.

**Backpacks** – essential if you will start backpacking with the Troop.

**Backpack cover** – for when they are left out over night on a campout.

**Canvas folding stool** – highly recommended for campouts.

**Hiking boots** – large enough for two socks (liner and heavy sock) Room to grow.

**Plastic bowl or dish** – forget the metal “mess kits”, too small, too hot, too heavy. Try “Glad” disposable storage boxes.

**Fork/spoon/knife set** – get plastic or Lexan.

**Plastic cup** – with handle to clip on somewhere.

**Long Johns** – not cotton, get synthetic wicking material, such as Duofold, Coolmax, or polypropylene. Great on cold nights inside your tent and sleeping bag. Also good for skiing.

**Wool Socks and Hat** – best for cold, wet weather - makes for better sleeping too.

**Wool Camping Gloves** – to be used on campouts during cold weather.

**Small flashlight** – AA or AAA battery size. Try the LED style for long battery life.

**Scout pocket knife**

**Compass** – go to Scout Shop in Medford.

**First Aid Kit** – small and compact.

**Leatherman tool** – we all love them.

**Compact camera** – or disposable.

**Water bottle** – 1 qt. wide mouth with screw lid. Nalgene Lexan bottles are great. He needs two.

**Boy Scout Field Manual** – Scout Shop.

**When buying clothes – think layers, 2 or 3 light layers are better than 1 heavy, bulky layer. Synthetics are better than cotton especially in cold damp weather.**

**Where to look** – Coleman Outlet – Riverhead.

EMS – Smithaven Mall or [www.ems.com](http://www.ems.com)

Campmor Catalogue – [www.campmor.com](http://www.campmor.com) or 1-800-CAMPMOR

Scout Shop in Medford (345-3979)

**Talk to a Leader if you have any questions.**