

Winter Snow Camping (Bear Paw) Experience Checklist

What to Wear:

- Lightweight Long Underwear (polyester or polypropylene, not cotton)
- Ski Socks (medium weight, wool/nylon blend)
- Light or Medium Weight Waterproof Hiking Shoes or Boots (such as after ski boots, or Sorels.
- Light to Medium Weight, Wool or Nylon/Wool Blend Pants or Medium Weight Polyester Fleece Pants
- Light to Medium Weight Polyester Turtleneck Shirt (no cotton)
- Medium Weight Wool or Polyester Fleece Shirt or Sweater
- Nylon Shell Outer Pants (or “snow suit”)
- Medium Weight Parka or Nylon Shell Outer Jacket (or “snow suit”)
- Wool or Fleece Cap or “Beanie”
- Sunglasses with Strap (or Ski Goggles)
- Nylon Outer Gloves, Polyester Liners or Ski Gloves (Mittens do not work as well)

Note: Do not wear all of this in the car ride up, or you will roast. Keep the outer layers handy in your duffel bag or pack so you can get it easily when we arrive.

What to Pack: (As with all Troop and Venture trips, everything must be carried in a single pack or bag. Duffel bag or Backpack is acceptable.)

- Large Duffel Bag, Sports Bag, or Backpack
- Synthetic Sleeping Bag Rated 20 degrees F. or lower (or add polyester liner)
- Sleeping Pad (Ensolite Closed Cell Foam, or Therm-a-Rest type)
- Waterproof Ground cloth (Aluminum Coated Plastic “Space Blankets” work well)
- Plate, Bowl, Utensils, Cup
- Toilet Kit (toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, comb or brush, small towel, etc.)
- Sunscreen (optional)
- Flashlight with Extra Batteries
- Extra Socks & Underwear
- Lightweight Down or Fleece Booties with Waterproof Soles (optional)
- Extra Long Sleeve Shirt & Sweater (polyester fleece or wool)
- Extra Fleece or Wool Pants (optional)
- Rain Suit (for wearing while digging snow caves, or playing in the snow)
- Camera with Film (optional)
- Spandex or Fleece Face Mask (optional)

- Remainder of 10 Essentials for Survival: pocket knife, matches and fire starter, 1 qt. water bottle, compass with map of area, emergency survival blanket, extra food (Power Bars, etc.), 50' of ¼" nylon cord, personal first aid kit.

Note: As a general rule, we wear our uniform traveling to and from all Scout trips, however, because of the extreme nature of snow camping, the shortage of pack space, and the inappropriateness of the cotton based material for snow camping, we recommend against it in this case. As always, electronic games and audio equipment with headphones are all right for the ride up (with driver's permission), but must be left in the car once we get there. Questions? Call Mr. Denise, (408) 967-3693 days, (408) 253-3774 evenings, e-mail gdenise@adobe.com.