

Summer Camp Prep Checklist

A timeline for getting a scout ready for summer camp, from registration through departure day.

Scout name: _____

Camp / council: _____

Session dates: _____

60+ DAYS OUT

- ☐ Confirm camp, session dates, and troop roster with the Scoutmaster
- ☐ Submit registration and deposit before the council deadline
- ☐ Review the merit badge class list and pre-register for badges
- ☐ Check for badges with pre-camp prerequisites (Lifesaving, Personal Fitness, Personal Management, Family Life, and others vary by camp) and start that work now
- ☐ Schedule and complete a swim classification test if camp requires one on file before arrival
- ☐ Request an appointment for a physical if Part C of the medical form is needed and not current
- ☐ Confirm any food allergies or dietary restrictions are on file with the troop
- ☐ Check uniform and personal gear against the troop or camp packing list

2 WEEKS OUT

- ☐ Submit the completed BSA medical form (Parts A, B, and C if required) to the Scoutmaster
- ☐ Confirm final camp payment has been submitted before the deadline
- ☐ Confirm swim test results and paperwork are on file
- ☐ Start packing using the troop or camp packing list
- ☐ Label clothing and gear with the scout's name
- ☐ Fill any prescriptions and pack medications in original, labeled containers
- ☐ Confirm the transportation or carpool plan to and from camp
- ☐ Finish any remaining merit badge prerequisite work before the class starts

DAY-OF

- ☐ Pack last-minute items — sleeping bag, pillow, toiletries, refrigerated medications
- ☐ Bring the signed medical form, an insurance card copy, and any camp-specific forms
- ☐ Bring spending money for the trading post
- ☐ Confirm check-in time and drop-off location with the troop
- ☐ Double-check medications and any special instructions are handed to the adult leader carrying the health forms

Camps will not check in a scout without a complete, signed medical form — submit it early, not on departure day. Every camp's leader's guide has its own deadlines and packing list; treat this as a general timeline and confirm specifics against your camp's paperwork.

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