

Backpacking Equipment Checklist – Philmont Scout Ranch recommendations “with modifications”

Packing	Qty	✓
Backpack with padded belt	1	
Waterproof Nylon Pack Cover	1	
Plastic bag – 1 gal Ziploc	6 - 12	
Plastic bag – Trash (small)	2 opt	
Daypack or Waistpack	1 opt	
Sleeping	Qty	✓
Sleeping Bag in waterproof stuff sack lined w/ plastic bag	1	
Sleeping Clothes (T + shorts)	1 set	
Accessory Straps	2 pr	
Foam Sleeping Pad and case	1	
Wearing	Qty	✓
Hiking Boots (waterproofed)	1 pr	
Lightweight Camp Shoes	1 pr	
Heavy Wool Socks	2 - 3 pr	
Polypropylene Liner Socks	3 - 4 pr	
Underwear	3 - 4 pr	
Shorts or convertible pants	1 - 2	
Short/long sleeve poly T-Shirt	2 - 3	
Hat or Cap with brim	1	
Cool / Cold Weather	Qty	✓
Full Rainsuit (~gore-tex) (A)	1	
Long Sleeve Shirt	1	
Long Pants lightweight	1	
Insulated Polypro Underwear	1 set	
Sweater or Jacket (polypro)	1	
Stocking Cap (wool / poly)	1	
Glove liners or Mittens	1 pr	
Insulated Jacket w/Hood	1 opt	
Polypro Scarf (optional)	1 opt	
Insulated Socks / Booties	1 pr opt	
Lightweight Jacket (optional)	1 opt	
Personal and Misc.	Qty	✓
Work gloves (service project)	1 pr	
Small Pocketknife or tool (A)	1	
Matches and Lighter (BB A)	1	
Flashlight small w/batteries (A)	1	
Spare Batteries, bulbs	2 sets	
Topographic Maps (A)	1 set	
Compass liquid-filled +case (A)	1	
Bandannas/handkerchiefs (BB)	2 +	
Money in small bills	\$10-20	
Lip balm SPF25 (BB A)	1	
* Soap, Biodegradable (BB S)	1	
Toothbrush/Paste (BB)	1	
Small Towel	1	
* Sun Screen (30-45 SPF)(BB)	1 btl	
Sunglasses (cheap or clip-on)	1 pr	
Ditty Bag (to put items in BB)	1	
Whistle with cord	1	
Notebook and Pen/Pencil	1	
* Moleskin (BB)	1 pkg	
* Small Bandages (BB)	8	
* Insect Repellent (BB)	1 btl	

Eating	Qty	✓
Deep Lexan or Plastic Bowl	1	
Lexan or Titanium Cup	1	
Lexan Spoons	1 - 2	
Water Bladder 1.5 - 2 Qt (A)	1	
Lexan Water Bottle 1.0 Qt	2 - 3	
Sport Water Bottle (optional)	1-2 opt	
Mixed Drink Bottle (BB, A)	1 opt	
Optional	Qty	✓
Walking stick / trekking poles	1 / 2	
Camera, Film, Case (BB)	1, 2-8	
Watch, water resistant, alarm	1	
Fishing equip/licenses	1 set	
Postcards, pre-stamped (BB)	4	
Large Rubber Bands	4	
Foot Powder (BB S)	1 btl	
Prescription Medicine (BB)	1 btl	
Handkerchiefs (optional)	6 - 8	
Crew/Patrol (issued)	Qty	✓
Salt and Pepper	1 set	
Plastic Trash Bags	2 per	
Dish Wash Soap & Sanitizer	2	
Scrub Pads	8	
Water Purification Bottles	6	
150' 1/4" Nylon Rope	1 - 2	
Bear Bag	3 - 6	
Strainer Frisbee and Scraper	1 pr	
Toilet Paper, unscented	# rolls	
Crew Provided	Qty	✓
Sewing & Repair Kit	1 - 2	
Tent Pins (per person / tent)	10 / 14	
Dining Fly Stakes	10	
Collapsible Water 2.5 gal	2 - 3	
Backpacking Stove	2 - 3	
1 qt Fuel Bottle w/funnel	2 - 4	
Crew First Aid Kit - Full (BB)	1	
Crew First Aid Kit - Small (BB)	1	
Duct Tape (BB)	1 roll	
Spices for cooking (BB)	1 set	
Padlock for Philmont locker	1	
Ground Cloth 5'x7' per tent	1	
1/8" Nylon Cord for Fly	3 x 50ft	
Sunscreen (15-30 SPF) (BB)	1 btl	
Insect Repellent lotion (BB)	X btls	
Water Filter Kit	2 - 3	
Crew Provided vs. Issued		
12'x12' Dining Fly	1 set	
Dining Fly Pole Set	1 set	
5'x7' Tent with Pins & Poles	1 per 2	
Pot & Pan (8 & 4 qt) Set	1 set	
Spoons, Spatula Set	1 set	
Hot Pot Tongs	2	
Dish Washing Pot (6 or 8 qt)	1	
Camp Shovel	1 - 3	

VERY Optional	Qty	
Mesh head net or suit	1	
Waterproof gaiters/crocodiles	1 pr	
Barrier Socks (waterproof)	1 pr	
Travel to Trek Location	Qty	✓
Overnight Bag	1	
Class "A" Uniform	1+ set	
Lunch	1	
Travel Snacks	2 sets	
Underwear & Socks	3 sets	
Soap and Shampoo	1 btl	
Bath Towel and washcloth	1 set	
Shower Shoes	1 pr	
Laundry Bag	1	
CD Player, Radio, Books	?	

- * = Crew may carry a supply for everyone to use, so individual containers are optional or redundant
- BB = Packed together in plastic bag to be placed in Bear Bag (indicating that this item is considered a "smell able")
- S = Share with buddy
- A = Easily Accessible in pack or carried on person

Note 1 - List assembled from Philmont Scout Ranch Guidebooks, the Backpacking Merit Badge pamphlet, selected Sierra Club backpacking books, "The Complete Walker IV" and other similar books, with "Leave No Trace" references from NOLS, Backpacker Magazine, and the BSA.

Note 2 - "Crew Issued" and "Crew Provided" reflects Philmont Scout Ranch standard practices "Crew Provided vs. Issued" reflects items many crews buy of their own in order to use lighter weight or less bulky equipment than Philmont supplies.