

CAR CAMPING

"BE PREPARED & ENJOY IT MORE"

The **BASICS & DETAILS** for an **ENJOYABLE & FUN CAMPING EXPERIENCE**



There are many options for Car Camping. What we have tried to do here, is give you a good starting point. The things you absolutely need to do and bring along, to have a safe and enjoyable camping experience. Start with our CHECK LIST and follow up with the various Tips and Tricks on how to pack, how to keep your food fresh and safe, etc. Then mix in your own personal needs, and you have the perfect Camping trip.

Packing the CAR & Home preparations

Spread a Tarp on the inside of the car area where you will be packing your equipment. It will protect the car's interior from spills, grease and other problems. This same tarp will be used to set unload equipment at campsite on. Using clear plastic storage Bins, is a great way to pack almost everything. Re-packageing everything you can, into Ziploc bags will give you an extra layer of protection and allow for tighter packing. All equipment should be examined and/or set up at home before your camping trip, to check for repairs and operations.

SHELTER & Equipment

A ground cloth should be spread on the ground benieith the tent. A Dome style tents works much better for a family because it has more width to the interior. Laying a Wool blanket on the interior floor of the tent will add another insulating layer, and make for easier inside tent clean ups. A rectangular sleeping bag works best for the children. Especially the kind that will unzip completely, into a large blanket. Summer camping can get warm inside a tent and this will give you more options with venting the kids. A screened-in Porch structure is invaluble. It will keep flies & insects away from food & give you an outdoor area to stay in should it rain.

Camp COMFORT & Emergencies

A Tent pillow is another invaluable item. Makes for a much more comfortable sleep. A quality sleeping pad goes along with this. A battery operated Fan, inside the tent can be a life safer on hot, humid, stuffy nights. Getting a good and comfortable nights sleep is a major part of enjoying your camping trip. Two kinds of Flashlights are important. A large Camp flashlight for night projects, and everyone should be issued an LED style, hand-held flashlight. No trip anywhere in the car is complete without a sanctioned RED CROSS first aid kit. This kit can be modified for your families special needs.



NYLON ROPE



SLEEPING PAD



CLEAR PLASTIC BINS



LARGE FLASHLIGHT



PILLOW



ADULT SLEEPING BAG



CHILDRENS SLEEPING BAG



TARPS



BATTERY FAN



TENT BRUSH

COOKING at your campsite under all conditions

You should be prepared to cook in multiple ways. Over a wood campfire, with a small charcoal grill, and with a propane, dual burner stove. Having all these means in which to prepare food, guarantees a quality meal every time and under any weather conditions. Next to a good sleep, food fuels your camping trip.

A good sharp knife & cutting board is essential. Try to use paper plates and plastic silverware for easy clean up. A good set of pots & pans, along with that infamous water kettle are also worth the investment.



WATER and cleaning it

Bottled water and a large jug of water will supply your camp and individual needs. A Water Purifier is worth the money if you want extra clean tasting water. Also removes the chances of stomach aches and other water-bourn problems.



FOOD storage and preparations

Two Coolers is always a good idea. Keep one for frozen foods, that will not be opened very often, and another for the family to use on a regular basis. This system works well in keeping foods frozen and lasting quite awhile under just ice, inside your Cooler. Double-bag Ziploc your ice cubes in both Coolers. This will give you fresh, drinkable Ice-water, as the ice melts and is no longer of use in the Cooler.

SINGLE BURNER STOVE FOR WATER KETTLE

2 BURNER PROPANE STOVE

WASHING PAN & CLEAN-UP KIT

GARBAGE BAGS

ZIPOCS

WATER PURIFIER

COOPERTIRES COOLER with BUNGIE-CORD CLOSER



Freeze some of your meats at home, before you put them into the Cooler. They will last for days in the Cooler with just ice. Bring foods that do not need to be refrigerated.

CLOTHING and your personal COMFORTS

Bring cloths for all weather conditions, no matter how warm or nice it is. Good hygiene is also important for a more enjoyable trip. Just because you are camping, does not mean that brushing your teeth or washing up is not a good idea. It will make you feel refreshed. A clean change of cloths can have the same effect.



Shelter

1. Set up Tent at Home first. A dome tent gives you more head room; straight-walled tents have more shoulder room.
2. Ground Tarp for under tent
3. Wool Blanket for inside tent
4. Extra grd. stakes, Duct tape, rope
5. Sleeping Bag & Pad (aired out the night before at home)
6. Waterproof Pillow
7. Small hand broom for sweeping out tent



Cooking

1. Cooking stove & fuel. Also Charcoal grill and lighter fluid
2. Axe & big knife
3. Matches & Lighter
4. Cooking pans, pots, utensils, plates, cups & silverware (paper plates and plastic silverware if possible)
5. Paper Towels, rag cloths, towels, table cloth, Foil
6. Coolers & Ice (Freezer Cooler & regular cooler)
7. Spices, measuring cup, Cutting board, Sharp Kitchen knife, Cutting Board



Food & Water

1. Plan meals ahead and prepackage as much as possible into Ziplocs
2. ZipLoc bags, Garbage bags, case of bottled water, jugs of water. Use space-saving Ziploc bags for everything from soap and dish sponges to the brown sugar and raisins for sprinkling on oatmeal.
3. Two kinds of Food. Cooked Food and Food that does not need cooking. Freeze hot dogs and sausages at home and pack them in the cooler while still frozen. By the time you're ready to cook the next night they'll have thawed some but will still be safe to eat.



Clothing

1. Clothing for all weather conditions
2. Extra Boots & shoes (this includes socks too)
3. Hat, scarf, Insect Repellents, Sun screen, small First Aid kit, Sun glasses, Hand sanitizer, Kleenex/Toilet paper,



Personal Items

1. Personal Hygiene kit (tooth paste, deodorant, brush, soap, towels, special personal items)

Other

1. Cheap Blue Tarps (Layed on floor of car and Camp items layed on top of tarps)
(When items removed from car, set on tarps spread on ground)
2. 2 size Flashlights and extra batteries
3. Stringing up a tarp near your tent will give your gang a place to hang out when it rains. Screened porch even better.
4. More Rope. Tie nylon rope between two trees and use as it a clothesline for wet towels and swimsuits.
5. Candles, Camp chairs, GPS Unit & Maps

