

INDIAN PRINCESS CAMPOUT CHECKLIST

Owl Moon, a former chief of the mighty Blackhawk tribe, could never quite remember all the items needed at a campout. Using many resources (friends, Internet, experience) he prepared the following not altogether-comprehensive checklist. If you find there are things that should be added, please do so and pass the updated list back to your chief for submission to the Nation. Future braves will be in your debt.

ALL CAMPOUTS

- Registration form (although at most campouts you will fill this out when you check in)
- Tribal vests & beads
- Sleeping bag and pillow for both brave and princess (cabins have plywood or spring bunks with a thin mattress, no pillow)
- Hat or cap, jacket or coat (we will be outside a great deal of the time, including Saturday night around the Council fire, so bring appropriate clothing to keep you warm and dry)
- Blanket to sit on or place over shoulders at Saturday night Council fire
- Gloves or mittens
- Umbrella and/or ponchos
- Change of clothes (and possible second change for princess)
- Extra socks and shoes
- Boots (if it's going to be muddy)
- Pajamas for those who want/use them
- Swimming suits, towels, shower caps, hair dryer (if we get a pool)
- Wire clothes hangers (perhaps to be left for the next campers?)
- Face cloths, face towels, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, brushes, collapsible plastic cups to rinse mouth, etc.
- Toiletry/shaving kit (although few braves bother to shave)
- Bandages, first aid kit (including insect sting relief medication and antibiotic ointment such as Bacitracin), and personal medications
- Sunscreen, sunglasses
- Insect repellent
- Junk food (cookies, crackers, candy, etc.) - remember, "No Mom rules" so we get to eat what we want!
- Drinks (water, pop, etc.) for washing down the junk food
- Water bottles
- Kleenex and hand wipes (e.g. Wet Ones)
- Paper towels
- Large plastic garbage bags to help clean up the sleeping area before leaving and also to store clean items if it's muddy out
- Spare bags (nothing ever packs as neatly as it did back home)
- Flashlights (for both) and extra batteries
- Camera (perhaps the water resistant disposable kind)
- Silver duct tape (it's a guy thing)
- Camping knife (Swiss Army type), scissors
- Cell phone, pager

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- Your "Algonquin Federation Handbook" (Indian Program guide) to study if there is time to work for a bead
- Crayons, Markers, etc. for the Patch contest (full size paper plates for practice?)
- Face paint for Haylushka
- Playing cards, small games, etc. for princesses to play during free time (and in case the weather is bad)
- Carpet squares for the doorway and by the bunks (it can get muddy)
- Cash
- Tribal kindling, firewood, and matches
- Ear plugs (it's amazing the snoring some squaws put up with)
- More paper towels

CHIEFS

- Headdress
- Crayons, markers, pencils, paper plates for campout patch competition
- Ensure tribal banners and other tribal property arrive
- Ensure trophies and ceremonial log arrive

WINTER CAMPOUT

- Hats, mittens/gloves
- Shovel in your trunk (in case we get snowed in)
- Sledding stuff
- Snow boots

SPRING TENT OUT

- Tent (use seam sealer and spray with waterproof /UV-block) Personal note: There's never enough room, a 6-person or larger tent holds two sleeping bags plus gear (coolers, food boxes, etc.) well
- Tent stakes/tie downs
- Small mallet and means to pull tent pegs from ground
- Ropes, bungee cords
- Plastic Tarp/ground cloth (to keep moisture below tent bottom, or cover it if it leaks)
- Air mattress or sleeping rolls/mats
- Lounge chairs
- Lantern, with spare batteries or fuel, funnel, and spare mantels
- Fishing rods, hooks, bait
- Horseback riding gear (shoes or boots with heels)
- FOOD! (REAL food, not just junk food--we're on our own) Hint: Some braves think cold food (muffins, Pop Tarts, etc.) make a great/quick breakfast
- Condiments (salt, pepper, spices)
- Cooler, ice, beverages, can/bottle opener
- Teakettle/coffeepot
- Frying pan/skillet

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- Camp stove and fuel or grill, charcoal, and lighter fluid (to cook food!)
- Matches or log-lighter
- Cooking utensils, spatula, serving utensils
- Dish soap, scrubber, sponge, dish towels, bucket
- Disposable cups, plates, bowls, utensils
- Plastic storage bags/containers
- More plastic garbage bags with ties
- Super Soaker squirt guns for the princesses (it's a tradition to soak the outgoing Nation Chief at the tent-out closing ceremony)

Other thoughts

TV/VCR combo, extension cord, movies suitable for princesses

Mark name on all items clearly (Jackets, hats, gloves, Frisbees, and water guns all look alike)