

SCOUT OUTDOOR ESSENTIALS

They're called "essentials" for a reason. Every Troop 1818 hike packing list starts with these 13 items.

- 1. A pocketknife and Totin' Chip
- **2. A first-aid kit** Items to treat scratches, blisters, bug bites, ticks and other injuries.
- **3. Extra clothing to match the weather.** Multiple layers. Dry socks if conditions are wet.
- 4. Rain gear or poncho
- 5. A flashlight, headlamp
- **6. Trail food** for maintaining your energy. Bring more than you think you'll need in case you get stuck (or lost) in the woods.
- **7. One to two liters of water** depending on length of hike. Use a lightweight containers with a secure lids.
- 8. Matches and/or a fire starter in waterproof container
- **9. Sun and bug protection** Include sunblock, lip balm and a wide-brimmed hat plus bug spray with Deet for ticks.
- **10. A map and real compass** NOT a toy compass, in case you get lost.
- **11. A sturdy day pack** with comfortable wide straps. Avoid cheap string strap packs, they to tend to cut into the shoulder.
- 12. Safety Whistle
- 13. Contact name and emergency numbers.

