

Are You New To The Pastime Of Camping? Here Is Some Free Info About Getting Ready For Your First Camping Trip. Camping is such a wonderful family activity. If you are going to take kids with you, it will give them some precious memories. Anyone who went camping as a youngster can vouch for that. It doesn't matter what you actually do during the trip, or what the weather ends up being like, it is always a great adventure when you are a kid.

Don't forget to bring the essential things. You will need to bring a tent unless you are planning to stay in a cabin or an RV. You will want some kind of shelter for yourself and your loved ones. Depending on where you are going, there are a number of potential things you may want decent shelter from.

Some of the absolutely necessary tools of camping include chairs, flashlights, pillows, sleeping bags, batteries, and a hatchet. If you are camping in a tent, consider getting yourself a [collapsible air mattress](#). It will really improve your entire trip if you get a decent night's sleep.

Think ahead so you have the necessary supplies for building a campfire. Gather old newspapers or thinner cardboard boxes. Find a lighter and matches. I like to bring both a camping saw and a hatchet. I also prefer to take my own wood. You may not be allowed to provide your own wood depending on where you are going to be camping. Some campgrounds have regulations about it because of diseases.

You are going to have to think about how you are going to cook your meals. Think about packing a cooler for food, propane stove and tanks, silverware, plates, soap, a dish rag and a plastic tub for cleaning dishes. Not every park has the facilities for you to wash dishes. I usually buy plastic and paper dinner wares.

Consider what kinds of clothing you will likely need for the trip. If you are going hiking make sure you have some comfy hiking boots. You don't want sore feet. Bring shorts if it will be warm and jeans if it is supposed to be cold. Your clothes may get dirty or ripped so don't wear your best clothing. Don't forget to include a swim suit, rain jacket, warm shirt and a hat. Those are must have supplies for any camping trip.

Remember to bring your personal hygiene products for you and your loved ones. Pack all of the essentials into convenient bags. Make sure you bring cue tips, bars of soap, shampoo, deodorant, razors, and shaving cream. Don't forget to bring contact lens supplies if someone wears them. Don't forget to bring towels for all of you. If you intend to be gone more than a few days, you are going to want something to hang the towels on to dry out. Don't forget to include any necessary medicines.

Some other stuff that you should bring to make the camping trip even better would be a pocket knife, battery powered lanterns, binoculars, digital cameras, bug spray, chocolate bars and marshmallows, bottled water, cocktails, stogies, Aloe Vera lotion, bandages, sun tan lotion and a radio.

Bring toys for the little maniacs. You are going to have a lot more fun on your trip if the children have plenty of things to occupy their time. Besides, half the reason you are going away is for them to have some fun too. One guy that I know takes recordings of ghost stories to play around the campfire after dark. You could also take a softball, baseball, football, Frisbee or a kite. Bring anything that can be done safely outside. Make the most use of the wide open spaces in most parks.

Why not create a personalized camping checklist? There are going to be things that you think are important that I haven't mentioned. Make a comprehensive list of your own, so you won't forget anything important. Some people can't go anywhere without taking a cell phone, their bike or their laptop.

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If you are tent camping, Dan suggests you think about buying an [inflatable pillow](#) for a better night's sleep. For all kinds of other fun [inflatable](#) products visit the Inflatable Auction website.

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