



The Scout Association of Australia, Victorian Branch
2nd. Prahran Scout Group
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Dear parent,

This note explains some of the terms and equipment required for your child to attend his first camp with 2nd. Prahran Scout Troop.

The "Arrangements for Camp" form includes location, transport, cost, arrangements, a list personal equipment, and indemnity and medical authority statement.

For most of our camps we use a parent roster to travel in parent's cars.

Camp fees should be paid on time so that I can pay the various booking fees, buy the food etc before the camp. If you pay late please pay in cash as this saves me the banking time.

The Troop will usually supply all the food, cooking equipment and tentage required for the camp. Each Scout should bring the personal equipment listed.

Sleeping Bag - This needs to be of reasonable quality as the temperature in a tent at night can get very cold. If in doubt send an old warm blanket as well.

Ground Sheet - This is a sheet of waterproof material either plastic or plasticised cloth used to sleep on to keep moisture from the ground penetrating the sleeping bag. Size 3ft. x 6ft. (1M x 2M).

Sleeping mat – often of blue foam 1.5cm thick, softens the ground and helps keep out the cold. Stretches damage tent floors and take up too much space in a small tent.

Pyjamas - either flannelette or track suit.

Shoes - need to be waterproof as the Scouts will be walking through wet grass for the first few hours each day. (unless it rains all day).

Raincoat - this should be plastic or plasticised cloth at least knee length. A waist length parka is good for warmth but does not keep legs dry in wet weather.

Knife, fork and spoon - should be sturdy, metal, but not expensive. They should be distinctive or labeled (waterproof paint or engraved).

Plate bowl and drinking mug - Can be enameled metal or plastic. Metal plates allow food to get cold very quickly. Plastic plates melt on a fire. I use plastic gear. The mug should hold at least 200ml. of liquid. Plastic mugs should be 'bendable' not rigid.

Knife, fork and spoon and Plate bowl and drinking mug and tea towel should be in a cloth bag (NOT plastic) so damp utensils can dry between meals.

Torch - each Scout needs his own torch. Minimum two 'size C' batteries.

Pack or Rucksack - most of our camps are not hikes and a back pack is not required. Use a large zippered sports bag or an old suitcase. They pack well in a car.

Special Remarks - please list any special food requirements. Once we reach camp I cannot change the menu and this will be the only food available.

Do not hesitate to ring me on 0408 510 561 with any questions you have.

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