Every Packing List Starts With the 10 Scout Basic Outdoor Essentials

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Packing your gear for your camping trip. What should you bring? Every packing list starts with these 10 items, and they're called "essentials" for a reason. Then you'll want to add other items depending on the outing.

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THE 10 SCOUT OUTDOOR ESSENTIALS

The Scout Basic Essentials fall into the following. These items can help you stay comfortable, safe, and prepared.

1. **A pocketknife or multitool** can be handy in a wide variety of situations. Some of the tools you'll find on a multitool are a knife, a pair of scissors, a lightning-quick can opener, a saw, a screwdriver, a corkscrew, and a bottle opener. Some of the tools are sharp and clean, and don't forget to first-aid-kit-ize your multitool. Check out the Scouts Can Do Anything Blog for more.
2. **A first-aid kit** can be a lifesaver. Literally. A few items will allow you to treat scrapes, bruises, and other minor injuries. They should also allow you to provide initial care while waiting for help for more serious injuries.
3. **Matches and a fire starter** may be used to light fires for heat, or to light a stove for cooking. Fire starters are helpful in miserable plastic bags.
4. **Sun protection** might include sunblock, sunglasses, lip balm and a wide-brimmed hat.
5. **Water and snacks** are probably the most important tools you can carry in case you get lost.
6. **Flashlight.** Headlamp or a rugged penlight is important for finding your way in the dark. Bring extra batteries.
7. **Knife.** Scout's gear for maintaining your energy. Bring more than you think you'll need in case you get stuck out in the woods.
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micahman11 // March 17, 2017 at 5:41 pm // Reply

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