|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| E:\Scout Files from Quimby\General Scout Art, clipart\scoutemblem.JPG  Troop 233 | What Equipment/Clothing Does a Boy Need to Start Scouting? |

**Boy Scout Handbook**:

We recommend:

* the Spiral Bound Edition **WITH SCOUTS NAME WRITTEN ON IT**
* Cloth Cover that has a Velcro covering

**Uniform**:

* **Required:** Khaki Short Sleeve Shirt (with Scout’s Name on Tag) with following patches:
  + the purple World Scout Crest
  + any National Capital Area Council Shoulder Patch
  + Troop 233 Insignia (provided by Troop)
  + Any rank badge earned
  + The Arrow of Light – if earned as a Cub Scout
  + Forest Green Shoulder Loops
* ***Optional (but strongly recommended):*** Khaki Nylon lightweight Long Pants that unzip into short pants.
* ***Optional (but strongly recommended):*** BSA baseball hat for sun/rain protection
* ***Optional Uniform (mandatory for camping):*** Two Pairs of Good, Dark Green wool hiking socks – BSA has great socks.
* T233 does not wear a neckerchief as part of our official uniform.

**Camping Equipment**: **Key Tip**: ***Spend your money on good comfortable clothes that can be layered and will keep your scout warm and dry***. ***Please do not buy too much other gear***.

* Lightweight nylon long pants (preferably with zipper to convert to short pants) (***see uniform***)
* Heavyweight fleece top
* Two Pairs of good quality wool hiking socks (***see uniform***)
* Lightweight Adjustable Rain Coat (sized to permit layers underneath and for Scout to be active) – **NO PONCHO’s**
* Waterproof hiking boots that fit properly – too tight/too loose = blisters
* Two 1 Liter Nalgene Water bottles
* Sleeping Bag (suitable to 10 or 15 degrees) – most prefer mummy bags.
* Thin Sleeping Pad (blow up type is preferable)
* **Working** Flashlight (with fully charged batteries) – most prefer a headlamp
* Adjustable Backpack – larger than 45 liters (but not too big) – before you buy, talk to adult uniform leaders about excess equipment/hand me downs
* Unbreakable mess kit (plate, bowl, silverwear & cup that can handle hot liquids)
* ***Nice to have:*** personal first aid kit, folding pocket knife, waterproof match container and good compass.
* DO NOT BUY A TENT FOR A YEAR OR TWO