

How to Pack for the Outdoor Experience

The Wood Badge outdoor experience is an opportunity for each patrol to travel together to a remote Location, establish a camp, and take part in several days of outdoor activities. Patrol members will pack and carry their own gear and clothing, appropriate for the backcountry.

The members of each Wood Badge patrol represent a wide range of skills and backgrounds. The goal of the Day Three troop meeting pre-opening activity is for patrol members to share their knowledge with one another to ensure that each person has access to the necessary gear and clothing and that everyone will be able to pack his or her equipment for traveling to the patrol's campsite.

Besides drawing upon their own experiences, patrol members may also refer to the Boy Scout Handbook; Fieldbook; Camping, Hiking, and Backpacking merit badge pamphlets; and publications for Varsity Scouting and Venturing that highlight camping and backpacking.

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Patrol Meetings-Day Three Troop Meeting

Patrol leaders can use the patrol meeting portion of the Day Three troop meeting to begin planning the details of the upcoming outdoor experience.

Among the topics to consider are the following:

- Food
 - Menus (provided by Quartermasters)
 - Ingredient lists
 - Shopping
 - Food repackaging, transport and storage
- Group gear
 - For camping
 - For cooking