



***Troop 79***  
**2009**  
**June 7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Camp Thunder**  
**Summer Camp**  
***Personal Gear List***

EACH SCOUT MUST HAVE A COMPLETED BSA MEDICAL FORM ON FILE BEFORE BOARDING THE VAN!

All BSA sites require a completed Medical form. We will not be able to check-in without this completed Medical form. The form is to be completed by a physician.

Copies of the form are available on the Troops website at:

[www.troop79bsa.com](http://www.troop79bsa.com)

Enclosed is a list of items that should be **packed by the Scout** (every year we hear “my mom/dad didn’t put that item in my bag” or “I can’t find where my mom put it”) You can help remind the scout of the list but it’s best if the Scout packs the items themselves.

All items on the list are important and serve a purpose at camp. The list should be followed exactly (nothing more and nothing less).

Scouts can pack their clothes and other items in zippered athletic bags (most scouts can fit all items into a standard size athletic bag). Some scouts choose to pack their gear in the hard-sided trunks. These trunks are difficult to transport to and from camp and take up a lot of space.

If your scout does not have a FULL UNIFORM now is a good time to get **all four items (shirt, pants or shorts, belt and socks)**.

We will travel to and from camp in FULL UNIFORM including the shirt, pants, belt and socks.

**Scouts need to arrive at the church on Sunday morning in Full Uniform for departure.**

Class “A” Boy Scout Uniform

With:        BSA Shirt  
               BSA Pants or Shorts  
               BSA Belt  
               BSA Socks (several pair a good idea)

The **full uniform** will be worn to all evening meals and the flag ceremonies each day. Our Troop will participate in the Flag Ceremony at least once so Full Uniform is important.

All gear should be sealed in waterproof bags (gallon size freezer style “zip-locks” work well). The weather is unpredictable and rain or thunderstorms can pop up almost anytime. The bags will help keep gear dry. Sleeping bags should be packed in a couple of heavy plastic trash bags to protect them from getting wet during the ride to camp.

### **Items to pack:**

- Sleeping Bag, standard weight bag.
  - The camp supplies cots
- Light fleece jacket – these insulate even when wet
- One long sleeve shirt (sweat shirt)
- One lightweight long sleeve shirt

- (7) Tee Shirts – scout appropriate (either plain tees or with scout activity logos or other scout camp shirts. Scouts can also wear Community Service Tee shirts). Shirts that are deemed inappropriate or shirts containing advertising logos will be worn turned inside-out. Appropriateness of shirts will be determined by the leaders attending camp.
- Poncho or Rain Gear
- Hat (ball cap or brimmed cap)
- Fleece or other warm “watch” cap (the evenings get quite cool in the mountains) as many evening get quite cool in the mountains
- Two or three pair rugged pants (the nylon type cargo pants with zip-off legs are great as are the new style scout uniform pants. These are lightweight and dry fast after getting wet. Blue jeans are heavy, hot and do not dry so try to avoid all blue jean pants as well as any type of denim and cotton.
- At least one change of underwear for each day (an extra pair or two not a bad idea) – **CRITICAL** (*p.s. –If you want an uncomfortable rash don’t pack extra underwear*)
- Small supply of baby powder for keeping sensitive and rash prone areas dry
- One pair of socks for each day (**at least**). Couple of extra pair a good idea
- Bath towel- one (boys will shower every night)
- Extra towel if scout is taking any water sports merit badges (swimming, kayaking, canoeing) IF not taking a water related merit badge no need for an extra towel. The water in the area is cold so not much swimming takes place
- Sturdy shoes or boots. The boys will be walking everywhere and will cover a lot of ground each day. Not a good idea to send the boy to camp with a new pair of boots. This is not the trip to be breaking in a new pair of shoes or boots.
- Camp lounge shoes (closed toe only - tennis shoes will work fine) The Camp lounge shoes are worn after the days activities

to give the other pair of shoes or boots time to “air-out” and let feet dry out. The “Crocs” style closed toe shoes work great and can be worn in the shower.

- All footwear is to be Closed-toe. No flip-flops or open toed shoes/sandals are permitted in camp except at the showers (this is a safety BSA rule)
- Sewing kit (either a small travel kit or a couple of sewing needles and a yard or two of thread)
- Small personal first aid kit (just some band aids and antibiotic ointment – no big first aid kits needed or required)
- Scout Handbook
- Pen or pencil and paper
- Personal meds
- Toiletries Including:
  - Comb
  - Shampoo (small bottle – enough for 5 nights)
  - Soap (small bar is fine)
  - Washcloth - One
  - Toothpaste – small travel tube (only need enough for the trip)
  - Toothbrush - one
  - Deodorant-doesn't matter the boys age...PLEASE make sure he has a supply of deodorant with him (solid or Roll-on, no aerosols allowed at camp)
  - Small travel size baby powder
  - Tube of Chap-stick (mountain air is typically cooler and dryer than what we have here locally)
  - Headlamp/Flashlight with spare batteries
  - Small pocketknife (camp will not allow sheath or large hunting style knives)
  - Totem' chit card
  - Small Fishing rod (optional) and light freshwater tackle
  - Swimming Trunks (one pair)

- Water bottle or canteen (Nalgene or disposable water bottle work well)
- Two large plastic trash bags (heavy duty leaf bags)
- Spending money for the “Trading post”. Most parents send about \$50.00. Scout leader will keep and distribute the money to the scout upon request.
- Personal camp chair
- Small pillow
- We have not encountered insects or Mosquitoes but netting and PVC frame for tent are optional– the tents do not have integral netting. This netting/framing item is probably not needed.
- Insect repellent (small bottle just in case) **Aerosols are not permitted**
- Sun screen (same effort for a scout to apply a No. 45 as a No. 8 so the higher the number the better – again only a small supply is needed and is easier to carry)
- Any specific merit badge related items (scout will need to research his planned activity)

### **NOTES:**

*1) Put scouts name on **EVERYTHING!! This is important.** The boys will not remember that they used a towel (or anything else for that matter), leave it out and no one knows who owns the article. I always wind up with a collection of things that go unclaimed and the boy claims that “someone “stole” my....insert whatever he left laying around. It’s also a lot more fun to have the scout “sing” for the stuff they leave out and the only way to know who the items belong to is if their **name is on the item.***

- **PUT THEIR NAME ON EVERYTHING!!**

2) *There is a phone at the main office for leader's use and for emergencies. Do not anticipate a call home from the scout. The scouts will be busy from sunup till "lights-out". Any and **all cell phones will be collected by the Scout Leader for the duration of travel and for the duration of the camp.***

*Please help us avoid unpleasant situations with your scout by **NOT sending a cell phone** with your scout. A scout can certainly live without their phone for one week.*

The Scout Master or Leader in charge can be contacted in the event of a family emergency.

3) *Emergency calls:*

*Troop 79 Adult Leaders (will be updated and revised soon):*

*Mrs. Gerstenberger 813-629-1348*

*Earl Richardson 813-230-6499*

*Our campsite is at least a mile from the phone so messages are relayed.*

*Please do not call unless it is an actual emergency that can not wait.*

5) *No electronic games permitted in camp (cards and board games are ok)*

6) *Personal music players with earphones can be used during travel (no speakers). The individual scout is responsible for all personal items. It's best not to send expensive (and small) personal music devices. Personal music devices are not allowed in camp and will be collected upon arrival at camp.*

7) *Military style camo is not appropriate on scouting trips. Hunting style camo is fine.*

8) *It's nice for parents to send a letter (box of cookies or other treats are always a nice surprise) to arrive about mid-week. Any "edibles" will be consumed by the recipient (and others) before tuning in for the night. Left over food and snacks attract "critters" so food will not be kept overnight.*

***Do NOT ALLOW THE SCOUT TO PACK edibles to consume while at camp.***

*The camp staff plans and provides appropriate menus. Snacks attract animals and ants. These are not only unpleasant tent mates but can also create a dangerous situation.*

*To send a parcel use the following:*

*Scouts Name*

*C/O Assistant Scout Master Colleen Gerstenberger*

*Troop 79*

*BSA Camp Thunder*

*FLINT RIVER COUNCIL B.S.A.*

*1166 DRIPPING ROCK RD.*

*MOLENA, GA. 30258*

*Emergency PHONE:*

*706-646-2255*

*FAX 706-646-2120*

*E-mail [jelliott@flintrivercouncil.org](mailto:jelliott@flintrivercouncil.org)*

*[www.flintrivercouncil.org](http://www.flintrivercouncil.org)*

9) *All BSA and Troop 79 rules enforced.*

11) *All non-BSA labeled clothing must be "Scout Appropriate". No inappropriate advertisements... An inappropriately adorned shirt will be worn inside out while in camp. The adult leaders will determine appropriateness of attire.*

- *We have a great group of scouts attending camp. However, if we have a problem with your scout that can't be resolved by the adult leadership, we will ask that you immediately come pick your son up from camp.*