

THE PATROL BACKCOUNTRY GEAR SYSTEM

The System is designed primarily for use with backpacking, but can be used in any backcountry situation. The System can be used on simple overnights to 2 week long expeditions. The System does not include weight for consumables: food and fuel. It has several components:

(1) It is organized into subsystems to cover all important areas.

- Shelter
- Kitchen
- Water
- Cleanup and Sanitation
- Repair (human and otherwise)

(2) Scouts are organized into 2 Man Tarp Teams.

(3) There are group checklists based on equal weights assigned to individual Scouts to aid in assignment and return of gear.

(4) There is an individual checklist so Scouts know what personal gear to bring.

Subsystems

Shelter: The Shelter System is based on a simple ultralight tarp system, 2 Scouts to a tarp. If set up properly, it will keep Scouts dry in very wet weather. *If* set up properly. Scouts must bring their personal groundsheets. Tarps can be set up a number of ways. Line should remain tied to tarps and packed with them.

- Tarp
- Line
- Stakes

Kitchen: The Kitchen System is based on a simple one pot system. The main stove is designed for use with a windscreen. The backup stove should never be used with a windscreen. The smaller pieces of the Kitchen System should always be stored in the Stove Bag or the Pot. **DO NOT FORGET TO PURCHASE FUEL CANNISTERS FOR THE STOVE(S).**

- Pot (DO NOT PUT HARD OR SHARP OBJECTS IN POT UNLESS WRAPPED IN PROTECTIVE MATERIAL AS IT WILL RUIN THE NONSTICK COATING)
- Main Stove w/windscreen
- Lighter(s)
- Plastic Measuring Cup
- Leather Work Gloves
- Backup Stove
- Can Opener
- Small Whisk

Water System: The Water System has a main filter, backup water tablets, and two water storage tanks for unpurified water in camp. TAKE CARE THAT ALL COMPONENTS OF WATER FILTER COME BACK ON EVERY TRIP. THE PATROL LEADER, AT LEAST, SHOULD KNOW HOW TO FIELD CLEAN THE FILTER.

- Water Filter
- Water Tablets
- 2 Water Tanks

Cleanup and Sanitation System: A simple system for keeping the kitchen clean, and for a group poop and fire cleanup trowel.

- Dobie Pad
- Small Bottle Soap
- Strainer (for noodles and LNT dishwasher cleanup)
- 2 Sinks (also important for LNT dishwashing)
- Poop pit and fire cleanup trowel
- Trash Bag System

Repair System (human and other): For fixing dings of all kinds. (FIRST AID AND REPAIR KITS SHOULD BE REVIEWED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS)

- First Aid Kit
- Repair Kit

Additional Gear: Occasionally, your Patrol may want to bring a grill and long tongs for special meals cooked over an open fire.