

2014 Montana High Adventure Wilderness Packrafting Program GEAR LIST

This gear list is for the packrafting courses offered through MOHAB.

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INDIVIDUAL GEAR CHECKLIST

Below is a list of items that you are required to bring. Following that is a detailed look at each gear item.

*** Buy the lightest possible item you can afford for items marked with an asterisk. The lighter they are, the less water they absorb and the faster they dry, and thus, the more comfortable and safer you'll be.**

NO COTTON CLOTHING (except bandana & baseball cap)

Clothing Worn

- lightest possible* synthetic long sleeve hiking shirt (worn)
- lightest possible* woven nylon trekking pants (worn)
- lightest possible* synthetic underwear / spandex shorts (worn)
- mid-weight, full cushion, merino wool trekking socks (worn)
- lightest possible* trail running shoes with an aggressive lug sole (not waterproof) (worn)
- cotton bandana
- baseball cap (worn)

Other Items Worn/Carried

- pea-less whistle on a neck lanyard
- lightweight trekking poles (optional)
- sunglasses attached to a retainer so they can hang around your neck
- compass (only need two per crew)

Storm Clothing

- lightest possible* stuff sack for storing all of this clothing, kept near the top of your pack

- lightest possible highly breathable wind shirt (max weight 6 oz), e.g., Patagonia Houdini Jacket (optional)
- lightest possible* synthetic long underwear top
- lightest possible* waterproof-breathable rain jacket
- lightest possible* waterproof-breathable rain pants
- fleece hat or balaclava (100-200 weight)
- fleece gloves (100-200 weight)

Trail Gear and Clothing (keep this gear accessible in outside pockets or near the top of your pack)

- two (2) 1.0-1.5 liter collapsible water bottles (e.g., Platypus style) - no hydration systems / hoses
- toiletries: toothbrush, toothpaste, hand sanitizer, sunscreen, personal meds, toilet paper (repackage these into small containers so you have just enough for the trip)
- insect repellent (Naturapel or 30%+ DEET only)
- insect headnet
- first aid supplies: about a dozen assorted band-aids, 3 yd of first aid tape, acetaminophen 500mg (x12), ibuprofen 200mg (x12), benadryl (x6), loperamide (x6), epipen if you have allergies that can lead to anaphylactic shock.
- LED headlamp (the type that take 2-3xAAA's or 2xAA's), with one set of extra batteries
- camera (optional)
- Firestarting kit containing a magnesium striker and waterproof firestarters

Camp Gear and Clothing

- backpack (55-70 liter size, so you can carry bulky group gear if needed)
- durable packliner (used to keep gear dry)
- sleeping bag (30°F rating, down or synthetic)
- sleeping pad (1/2 or 2/3 length pad)
- ground cloth (2.5 feet x 7.0 feet, 2mil painter plastic, mylar emergency blanket, Tyvek, etc.)
- lightest possible* synthetic long underwear bottoms
- warm mid-layer jacket (200 weight fleece or high loft synthetic or down)
- 2nd (spare) pair of mid-weight, full cushion, merino wool trekking socks (worn)
- light weight merino wool sock reserved for sleeping only, 1 pair
- large but as light as possible dry-bag style stuff sack (20-25L or so) lined with a trash compactor bag (this is your food storage bag)
- **lightweight 3 cup bowl** (smaller ones don't hold enough food for you, and cause you to spill food) - this doubles as a drinking mug; consider making an insulated cozy for your bowl out of duct tape and bubble wrap, which helps your food cook after the water is added. If you are a big coffee or tea drinker, consider bringing a mug.
- lightweight but durable spoon or spork for an eating utensil

- lightweight journal and pen

Trail Snacks

- please bring a “handful” of snacks (12-16 oz per day): peanut butter/almond butter packets, fig bars, nuts, dried fruit, energy bars, etc.
- Bring one or two servings of your favorite hot drinks (tea, soup, cocoa) for the evenings.

Prohibited Items

- electronics, including watches, electronic compasses and altimeters, personal gaming devices, music players, e-book readers, cellular phones, and GPS devices.
- alcohol, drugs, tobacco, firearms, and other illegal items.

Frontcountry Stuff

- Class A Uniform: to include your Class A shirt, olive shorts or pants, olive socks, neckerchief and slide.
- Class B Scout shirt (T-Shirt with a Scout theme), and extra pair of shorts, socks
- Extra shoes (clean!)
- Deodorant, soap, comb/brush, and shampoo
- A small duffel bag or day pack that can hold your “Frontcountry Stuff”
- \$25 to \$50 for incidental spending money (road meals, trading post, etc.)
- Paper copies of your BSA Medical Form

Additional Items for MOHAB Packrafting Trek Participants:

- Lightweight, packable fishing rod, tackle, and MT license (optional)
- Bicycle, skateboarding, climbing, or whitewater kayaking helmet

If you have opted for the premium package, all group gear, including shelters, cook kits, water treatment supplies, food, and packrafting gear will be provided.