

Troop/Crew 56
Cambridge, MA
www.troopcrew56.org

What Everyone Should Know

Uniforms

Uniform shirt

AKA "Field Uniform" or "Class A"
Tan (Boy Scout) – boys
Green (Venturing) – boys and girls
Available at the Scout shop
Added insignia: World Crest, Council Strip, Unit Numbers
Recommended for all youth in T/C/P 56
Required for summer camp and for council-level and national events

Program t-shirt

AKA "Activity Uniform" or "Class B"
Each youth gets one when he/she joins the program
Everyone is welcome to buy additional shirts plus hats, fleece jacket, etc.
Orders are placed once per year

Adults

Adults are encouraged to acquire and wear Class A and Class B attire

Outdoor Gear - Basic

Everyone should have a few basics:

Sleeping bag
Sleeping pad
Thermal underwear (not cotton)
Synthetic pants (zip-off is versatile but can be as simple as nylon gym pants)
Non-cotton t-shirts
Rain suit – pants and coat, good quality
Fleece jacket
Wool socks
Liner socks
Sturdy shoes
Water bottles – typically wide-mouthed Nalgene bottles
Mess kit
Basic day pack
Coat, hat, gloves depending on weather

Additional items to consider:

Pocket knife
Camp chair
Bandana

Group Gear

The Scouting program provides:

- Tents
- Dining fly
- Stoves
- Cooking gear

Trips such as skiing, snowshoeing, canoeing include the rental of skis, snowshoes, canoes, etc.

Specialized Gear

Some trips require participants to have specialized gear
Many times, it is possible to borrow these items (through an AMC program)

- Insulated winter boots
- Hiking boots
- Backpack
- “Camelback”-style hydration system
- Winter mittens

Trip Logistics

- Every weekend trip has
 - Adult male leader
 - Female adult leader
 - Youth leader
- Trip details are on the Website
- The youth plan the trips
- Packing list distributed in advance
- Sometimes there is a “pack check”
 - Tuesday before departure, everyone brings their pack
 - Ensures each participant has the right gear
- Youth plan their menu and make a shopping list
- Youth do the grocery shopping
- Youth pack up group gear
- Adults on a trip function as an “Old Goat Patrol”
 - Parallel to the youth but separate