

## BEAR BAG / CANISTER

**Smellables include:** Matches - Lighter - Stove - Fuel, All film cameras and extra film, Clothes that have spilled food or drink on them, Condiments (all spices included), Chapstick - *Use unscented only!* Deodorant/Antiperspirant\*, Extra batteries, Feminine hygiene products (*used or unused*)\*\*, First Aid kits & Band Aids, All Food, candy bars, treats, trash, unburnable garbage, (*check and double-check*)\*\*, Foot powder, Insect repellent, Lip balm, Lotions of any kind, Medicine (place in boot if needed during the night such as inhalers, etc.), Mole Skin or Mole Foam, Duct Tape, Shampoos, Soaps - personal & laundry (including Campsuds), Suntan lotion and sunscreen, Tobacco\* \*\*, Toothbrushes and toothpaste, Unwashed dishes, Water bottles (bears have associated these with sugary drink mix)  
...Anything in question.

\* *Highly discouraged*

\*\* *Not to be placed in latrines*

Anything else that has a non-human odor  
*may attract bears*, even though **not** food related.

### Not in bear country?

What about “*Mini-Bears*”?

SQUIRRELS, CHIPMUNKS, RACCOONS,  
SKUNKS, COYOTES, POSSUMS & MICE etc.

### Always LEAVE at HOME things like:

‘FLAVORED’ LIP BALM, AFTER SHAVE & COLOGNE

Do you want a bear to give you ‘goodnight kisses’?

Anything with an UNNECESSARY odor.

Always... **PACK OUT YOUR GARBAGE!**

-- Based on Philmont Scout Ranch BEAR PROCEDURES --

## SCOUT OUTDOOR ESSENTIALS

1. TELL SOMEONE YOUR ITINERARY!
2. WATER BOTTLE or CANTEEN & WATER PURIFICATION SYSTEM (to replace water supply, also a chemical ‘backup’ if the hardware fails)
3. Extra TRAIL FOOD
4. FIRST AID KIT
5. HEADLIGHT and/or FLASHLIGHT with extra light bulbs & batteries.
6. MAP in waterproof container.
7. COMPASS plus an *optional* GPS receiver
8. MATCHES and FIRE-STARTERS ‘storm proof’ or in a watertight container.
9. POCKET KNIFE or multi-use camp tool.
10. RAIN GEAR & Extra CLOTHING
11. SUN SCREEN & INSECT PROTECTION
12. SUNGLASSES – *Summer and Winter.*
13. WHISTLE for signaling for help.
14. FOOD STORAGE bear & mini bear protection device.

➤ **ALWAYS BRING!** > **TOILET PAPER** <

### *Optional Items*

BIBLE or PRAYER BOOK  
BINOCULARS  
BIRD, ANIMAL & PLANT identification books  
CAMERA & Extra batteries and memory  
HAT for warmth & part of your sun protection system  
HIKING STAFF  
MAGNIFYING GLASS  
MUSICAL INSTRUMENT  
NOTEBOOK  
REPAIR KITS sewing, tent & back pack, glasses etc.  
SWIMSUIT  
WATCH  
WEATHER and COMMUNICATION ONLY RADIOS  
**LEAVE the AM/FM RADIOS & PLAYERS AT HOME!**