

## Durham Trailblazers Pathfinder Club Camping Equipment List

This club is known for its camping. We camp in tents 5 times a year:

September (everyone)	November (grades 7 & 8 only)
October (everyone)	February (grades 7 & 8 only)
May (everyone)	

Camping is voluntary. Pathfinders do not have to go on the campouts if they do not want to. However, if they want to camp, they need proper equipment. The Club supplies the tent, cooking stove, and water. The pathfinder needs the following:

### **MUST HAVE**

- 1) Sleeping bag.
  - If you will be in the club for several years, buy the best one you can afford. Take the “temperature rating” with a grain-of-salt, they are not accurate. A “0” degree bag is okay for the September and May campouts, but for all other campouts, get the warmest sleeping bag you can find and afford.
  - If you will be in the club for only one year, you will have to weigh the cost-benefit of spending a lot of money on a sleeping bag. A sleeping bag is something you can use for the rest of your life so if at all possible, spend the extra money and buy a good one; it will be a good investment.
  - For the November campout, you will need TWO sleeping bags. For the February campout, you will need TWO sleeping bags and TWO blankets.
- 2) Bed roll / mattress / cushion
  - Since we are sleeping on the ground, you will want some cushioning underneath you. Air mattresses are not good as the air gets too cold in the fall and makes you cold.
  - Buy either a self-inflating bed roll and put a blanket on top or get a foam roll.
- 3) Good flashlight
- 4) Water bottle
- 5) Folding chair (with your name marked on it with a “Sharpie” where it’s clearly visible)
- 6) Two hot water bottles (recommendation for grade 5 & 6; requirement for grade 7 & 8)
- 7) Dishes – plate, bowl, cup/mug, butter knife, fork and spoon. Write your name on them with a “Sharpie” as they all look similar.
- 8) Winter gear (grades 7 and 8 only)
  - For the February campout, we recommend -40 winter boots, -40 waterproof gloves, two winter hats, one winter jacket and waterproof shell large enough to wear several layers underneath, waterproof snow pants, several pairs of long-underwear and a minimum of two pairs of wool socks per day.

### **SHOULD HAVE**

- 1) Rain jacket, rain pants, waterproof shoes
  - If you will be in the club for several years, this is a good investment. If you will only be in the club a year or two, you will have to weigh the cost-benefit of purchasing this.
- 2) Pocket knife (grades 7 and 8 only)
  - Must be less than a 6” blade.