



Camping Core Essentials Checklist for Tents, Shelters & Sleep System

Tents & Shelters

- ☐ Tent rated for 3 or 4 seasons, sized to fit your group and their gear
- ☐ Full-coverage rainfly; seal the seams if not pre-treated
- ☐ Ground cloth or footprint cut to match the tent floor dimensions
- ☐ Backup stakes (steel or aluminum) and reflective guy lines
- ☐ Optional extras like tarps, awnings, or a hammock with bug net

Sleep System

- ☐ Choose a sleeping bag or quilt rated near the expected nighttime temperatures
- ☐ Use an insulated sleeping pad with an R-value appropriate for the season
- ☐ Bring a liner for added warmth or cleanliness, plus a pillow or stuff-sack pillow
- ☐ Pack dry socks just for sleeping, along with an eye mask and earplugs
- ☐ For chilly nights or minimalist setups, include a hot water bottle or bivy sack