Equipment and Clothing

Scouts and Scout Leader will arrive at the Marrs on Saturday wearing their tan Scout uniform shirts. Neckerchiefs are not required. Shirts will be worn until canoes are off-loaded at the river. Your river clothes should include shorts/swim trunks, a shirt, and closed toe shoes. Remember that synthetics dry faster than cotton. DO NOT WEAR JEANS ON THE RIVER. Weather in May is unpredictable, so "Be Prepared." Pack at least two sets of dry clothes (separately bagged, if you are risk averse) and a pair of "land shoes" in addition to what you will wear on the river. Bring something warm to wear in the evenings if the temperature drops. Be sure to pack rain gear, a hat, and sunscreen where you can reach them in a hurry (not in the bottom of your "Dry Bag"). Bring a synthetic insulated sleeping bag (down-filled bags provide no warmth when wet) and waterproof it well – your dry sleeping bag will prevent you from getting hypothermia if everything else you own is wet.

Waterproofing and Securing Your Gear in the Canoe

Waterproof everything you want to be dry after you capsize. There are two recommended methods. Method 1: large, heavy duty trash bags and rubber bands. Place your items in a trash bag, squeeze out all the air, twist the neck of the bag and fold it back upon itself. Secure the neck with rubber bands. Repeat this procedure a second time. Protect your waterproofing by placing it inside a strong, puncture-proof outer bag (like a canvas duffle bag). Method 2: pack your belongings in a rubberized "dry bag" and follow the provided instructions. Method 1 is the least expensive and works just as well as Method 2, if properly done. Pack spare rubber bands and plastic bags in case a bag tears when you unpack to set up camp. It is a good idea to use Method 1 (trash bags) to waterproof items you carry in a Dry Bag – *Just in Case*. Don't forget to waterproof your tent!
Coolers are a good way to transport your food. Seal the cooler with Duct Tape and bring the roll with you.
Bring at least one 20' length of woven, plastic (not cotton/hemp or clothesline) line per person to secure gear to the canoe.

Meals

Bring a cold lunch for Saturday and Sunday on the river. The troop will provide a barbecue for Saturday dinner, and a meal for Sunday breakfast. Bring money for a fast food stop for a late snack on the way home. Be sure to bring a full canteen (a minimum of 2 quarts of water for our time on the river) and any snacks you want between meals.

Packing List

√	Qty	*Equipment*	√	Qty	*Clothing*	√	Qty	*Miscellaneous*
	1	Sleeping Bag			Hat			Sun Screen SPF 30+
	1	Sleeping Pad		1 pr	River Shoes			Insect Repellant
	1/crew	Tent w/poles and pegs			Swim Trunks/Shorts			Matches
	1/crew	Ground Cloth for Tent			River Shirt (Quick Drying)			
	1	Towel		1 pr	"Land" shoes		1 roll	Paper Towels
	1	Rain Gear			Long pants			Toilet Paper/Tissues – 3 day supply
	1	First Aid Kit			Long Sleeve Shirt			Extra Rubber Bands
	1	Flashlight w/fresh batteries			Long pants or shorts			Extra Trash Bags
	1	Canteen (Full)			Short Sleeve Shirt			
	1	Pocket Knife		2 pr	Socks			
	1	Personal Hygiene Kit						
	1	20' Plastic Line for Securing Gear in Canoe			Sweat shirt/Sweater/Polypro Pull-over for Evenings			
		Mess Kit: Cup, eating utensils						**Optional Items**
		Dry Bag (s) or Duffle Bags for Waterproof items			Scout Shirt – To Be Worn Saturday Morning			Water Gun Camera Folding chair