

# THREE THINGS PARENTS CAN DO to help their Scouts with their Gear (and save a Scoutmaster's sanity)



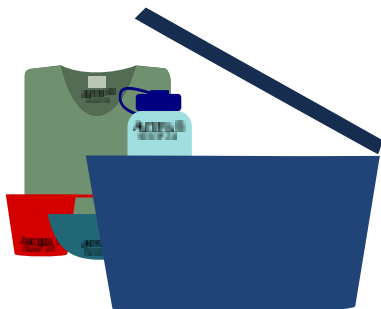
**Put Your  
Scout's  
Name &  
Troop  
number  
on everything.**

If they are attending an event with dozens or hundreds of other Scouts and misplace a piece of clothing or gear there's a much better chance it will find its way back to them if it is clearly marked with their full name and Troop number.



**Please  
DON'T  
PACK  
for your Scout!**

If you pack for your Scout, they won't know what they have or where it is. Letting Scouts pack for themselves is a little trying for some parents. Work with them instead; start with a list, lay everything out, and check it off as they pack. Will they forget some things? Almost certainly! (I still forget things after forty years of camping!) Building self-sufficiency is an important part of Scouting, and packing your own gear is a great way to do just that.



**Help your Scout  
Keep  
Track of  
Their Gear**

I can't tell you how many times a Scout has told me that they are without some key piece of gear because they couldn't find it at home. After every camping trip see that your Scout unpacks, checks their gear is clean and dry, and stores it all in a plastic storage bin so it's there for the next trip.