

## Troop 62 Backpacking Guidelines

In order to provide for a safe and enjoyable experience for all Scouts the following guidelines have been established by Troop 62 as guidelines to beyond weekend backpacking trips. These guidelines will be the final determination in deciding what Scouts can participate in this activity.

### Basic Requirements:

Scouts are required to complete **all** of the following requirements

No.	Requirement	Trip Level A	Trip Level B	Trip Level C
1	Scout Rank	Tenderfoot	Second Class.	First Class
2	Minimum Age	10 years 9 months	11 years	12 years
3	Grade Attending	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade
4	Merit Badge Achievements	None	None	None
5	Campouts Attended as a Member of a Boy Scout Troop	2 (Two) Troop Campouts or Summer Camp	10 (ten) nights camping with the Troop	10 (ten) nights camping with the Troop
6	Previous Troop Backpacking Experience	None	Minimum of one Level A backpacking trip or Troop approved prequalification activity within 6 (six) months of the trip.	Minimum of one Level A backpacking trip and a Troop approved prequalification activity within 6 (six) months of the trip.
7	Minimum Weight to Carry	25% of body weight to include a minimum of all the Scouts personal gear	25% of body weight to include a minimum of all the Scouts personal gear in addition to a minimal amount of Troop gear	30% of body weight to include a minimum of all the Scouts personal gear in addition to Troop gear

For the above matrix the following applies to each level.

- Level A      A traditional two night weekend trip covering less than 10 miles with a travel distance of 1 ½ hours from Mt Horeb.
- Level B      For backpacking trips covering between 15 to 20 miles and having a travel distance of no greater than three hours from Mt Horeb.
- Level C      For backpacking trips covering between 15 to 30+ miles and having a travel distance greater than three hours from Mt Horeb.

In addition to the above requirements the Scouts must possess the proper backpacking equipment necessary for the trip.

Adult leaders participating in any backpacking trip must meet requirements six and seven above and must have successfully completed the BSA Safe Scouting Program (available on-line).

***The final decision of whether a Scout is both mentally and physically ready to participate in any level of backpacking will ultimately be decided by the leaders attending the event. Their decision, and their decision alone, will supersede all listed requirements as well as the recommendations of any leaders not attending the event.***