

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Cork Scouts

## The Hut Summerhill

This is only a list or guide to what you could buy your son.

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- Most parents ask me for information what type gear to buy their son.
- I hope this is a help if you are buying gear for your son. As always you pay for what you get when it comes to outdoor clothing. But there is a lot of great gear out there for good money. This list should act as a good guide.

### Sleeping Bag.

- 3 season Bag is best.
- Stick with the good value and respected name such as Vango and Gelert.
- Price Range is between 30 and 45 euro
- All the leadership team use Vango Nitestar 300 or 350
- (Anything Vango 300) one of these bags will last 10 years
- Any sleeping bag with 300 or 350 is usually the right one for scout use.
- Stuff sack should be included and is a must.
- Sleeping bag shouldn't be too light as these are more expensive.

### Ground Mat

Ground mat is essential for camping. We only go camping in April to September. Many people think it's the air temperature where you get cold at night. It's not, it's the cold coming from the ground that is the worst. Air mattresses eliminate this.

- Gelert or Vango Air mat.
- These are 20 to 30 euro. Do not pay anymore
- You can also get a sponge type mat. These are good but not as comfortable 8 euro each

### Mountain boots / trekking shoes

A good comfortable pair can be the difference between having a great day and a terrible day. Scouts usually don't like to wear boots as they are not "cool". But a lot of scouting is done either walking or even standing in wet fields. Boots can keep the water out and probably more commonly keep you comfortable even if they wet through.

- Good pair of boots can last 2 to 3 years.
- Don't spend too much if your son's feet are still growing
- Children's boots are usually inexpensive (about 30 to 45 euro.)
- Remember, walking boots are different to working boots.
- Try to get something that is *waterproof*
- Gore tex is by far and away the best but way too expensive. There are other "tex" type waterproofing. Look for these on the tags.
- There is a difference between Hiking boots and trekking boots. Mountain boots are usually leather while trekking boots are lighter. Both are fine for scout use.
- Brands to look out for Gelert, Regatta, Berger, Columbia

## Raingear

I find that the light wind jammer type are fine for scouting. These should however be worn over Warm clothes such as a fleece jacket.

- Rain jacket and leg ends should only cost 30 euro for the set.
- Warm Jackets are a must when scouting.
- Hooded tops do not fall into this category

There are other very good rain gear such as Regatta and Trespass. These can also be used for going to school

## Rucksack

- Stick to 60 to 65 litre bag. Anything bigger your son will not be able to carry it
- Loads of great bags that will last years. Should pay between 40 and 55 euro for a bag.
- All Rucksack are only water resistant not water proof
- Rucksacks as with sleeping bags and ground mats will last your son for about 10 years
- Highlander, Gelert, Vango, Sporthouse are all good brand. There are plenty of others Low Alpine and North Face are the best but very expensive.

### *Where you can buy all of these items*

*Scout Shop and Tent Shop* on McCurtain street will stock all of the about items.

I can recommend specific gear if you would like. Call down on a Friday or Phone me over the weekend.

Other Shops in Town are the **Great outdoors** and **Mahers** on Parnell place

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