



SAR ESSENTIALS

BASIC SEARCHER / TEAM LEAD

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SHELTER / WARMTH - SITUATIONAL / SELF

- TARP - Suggestions
 - 8x10 or 10x10 best for group shelter and hypo wraps
 - Traditional "blue" tarps
 - SilNylon or Nylon Tarps
 - "Emergency Tarps" with one silver side (usually smaller)
- BIVY SAC
 - Medical use: Silver BIVY for Hypo Wraps
 - Personal Use: Breathable material
- GROUND INSULATION
 - Inflatable Pad (consider material durability & size)
 - Foam Pad (consider packability)
- SILVER BLANKETS
 - 1-2 for self and/or situation
- PONCHO
 - Some can be used as small tarps as well
 - Small plastic poncho for emergency rain cover / multi purpose
- SLEEPING BAG OR BLANKET

FIRE

- IGNITOR (consider multiple items)
 - Waterproof matches
 - Lighter
 - Flint / steel
- FIRE STARTER Fuel

SIGNAL

- Whistle
- Glow Sticks
- Flares
- Mirror or reflective item

WATER & FOOD

- 2L +/- for SAR missions
- Spare bottled water for subject/team
- Nalgene
- Thermos Hot Water (in cold weather)
- Water Filtration or Purification tabs
- Metal Cup or small pot
- Jetboil / Emergency Stove
- High Energy Snacks (eatable if frozen)
 - Always pack your own food/meals for searches
 - Need to be easy to make/consume

TOOLS

- Flagging Tape
- Notebook & Pen
- Knife
- Folding Saw
- Multi-Purpose Tool
- Paracord / Rope
- Zip ties
- Repair Kit - tape, safety pins, etc
- Zip Lock bags &/or Garbage Bags
- Power bank for cells/lights

LIGHT

- Headlamp (with red light, min 500Lumens)
- Flashlight
- Extra batteries / Power source

NAVIGATION

- GPS (own or team issued)
- MAPS (paper or digital downloaded)
- Compass

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- Cell Phone (charged)
 - o Cell phone charging cable
 - o Power bank
- RADIO (team issued)
 - o Spare battery if available
- InREACH (SSAR issued or own)

SAFETY

- Safety Glasses
- Walking Poles
- Work Gloves (leather or other)
- Foot Grips for icy surfaces
- Boot Gaitors
- Sunscreen
- Bug Spray / Bug Net
- First Aid Kit (**see separate list**)

OPTIONAL / TASK SPECIFIC GEAR

- Binoculars / Monocular
- Knee Pads
- Personal Helmet (climbing helmet)
- Personal Inflatable PFD
- Personal Throw Bag
- Bear Spray
- Bear Bangers
- Webbing
- Carabiners
- Wire Cutters (team)
- Emergency Flashing Beacons

PERSONAL CLOTHING ADDITIONS

- Extra Emergency Base-layers
- Extra Mitts &/or Gloves
- Spare Toque
- Spare Socks (differing layers)
- Extra Insulation layer (s)
- Emergency Shell Layers
- Hat / Sunhat

HYGIENE

- Toilet paper / Kleenex
- Hand sanitizer
- Wilderness Soap
- Feminine products

Leave no trace! Please pack out what you take in.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

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