



Ski / Split Hut equipment list

The gear on this list is required. This equipment is not only designed to keep you comfortable in the backcountry, but it can also save your life. Mountain Chalet, Mountain Equipment Recyclers and REI are a great resource for knowledge and product selection.

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Snow/ski gear:

- ☐ Alpine Touring (AT) skis, Tele-skis, Splitboard.
- ☐ Climbing Skins for skis and splitboards.
- ☐ Ski Poles (collapsible), required for all backcountry travelers on this course.

Safety gear:

- ☐ Avalanche Transceiver. Digital (3 antenna) beacon transmitting on 457 kHz.
- ☐ Avalanche Probe. Collapsible probe made of aluminum or carbon fiber.
- ☐ Shovel. Aluminum shovel (not plastic) designed for backcountry use.
- ☐ Avalung and/or Airbag (optional).
- ☐ Ski Helmet, for ski descents (be sure you can fit in, or carry on backpack).
- ☐ Spare door and ignition key, for groups carpooling. It's a real bummer to lose a key on a tour.

Footwear:

- ☐ Ski Boots, Snowboard Boots or Tele Boots.
- ☐ Wool or synthetic socks. No cotton.
- ☐ Liner sock. This is a personal preference, not required.
- ☐ Hut shoe, (optional but nice, Sanuks work well).

Clothing (all to be wool or synthetic, **no cotton**):

- ☐ Base Layer, long underwear, top and bottoms.
- ☐ Insulation Layer, Softshell Pants and Jacket. Fleece is ok if you have hardshell outerlayer.
- ☐ Hardshell **Pants** (full side zip) and **Jacket** with hood. This is a wind and waterproof layer (Gore-tex) or similar.
- ☐ Insulated "puffy" Jacket w/ hood. Down or Synthetic. This layer is meant to be worn on outside of all other layers combined.

Headwear:

- ☐ Synthetic or wool hat (beanie).
- ☐ Buff or neck gaiter.
- ☐ Sunglasses with dark lens and wraparound sun & wind protection.
- ☐ Goggles.

Handwear:

- ☐ Liner glove.
- ☐ Softshell glove, water and wind resistant.
- ☐ Mittens, good to have in your pack for colder temps.
- ☐ Two pairs of warm gloves/mittens minimum.

Overnight Gear:

- ☐ Sleeping Bag, rated to 20* F or lower. We prefer down. Lighter, easier to pack and last longer than synthetic.
- ☐ Pillow. This can be made out of a stuff sac and clothing layers.
- ☐ Toiletries, toothbrush/toothpaste, (small) hand sanitizer, wet wipes, etc.
- ☐ Headlamp, check batteries.

Other gear:

- ☐ ~55-65L Backpack, make sure your gear fits in pack prior to course day.
- ☐ First-aid kit (**small**), blister bandages, band-aid and personal medications.
- ☐ 1L waterbottle (2L max), leakproof bottle like Nalgene works best. I bring a 24oz Thermos with warm drinks for the cold days.
- ☐ Sunscreen and lipscreen, 30SPF minimum.
- ☐ Ski strap(s), small knife/multitool, lighter, a few zip ties, & a short sections of bailing wire for field repairs.
- ☐ Camera, camera phone.
- ☐ Snacks, about 1000 calories for the day. Sandwich, candy bars, and trailmix work well, bring what tastes good to you.