



WINTER SKILLS COURSE **REQUIRED EQUIPMENT LIST (2025)**

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GENERAL

BACKPACK (65L+ RECOMMENDED)
HAVERSACK

FIRE KIT

LIGHTER
STORMPROOF MATCHES
FERROCERIUM ROD
MAGNIFYING LENS
EMERGENCY TINDER
CHARRING TIN
TINDER POUCH

SHELTER KIT

TARP (MINIMUM 7'X7')
WOOL BLANKET (2X QUEEN OR 1 QUEEN/1 TWIN)
PARACORD (25')
#36 BANK LINE (1LB.)

WATER KIT

WATER BOTTLE (SINGLE-WALL, NON-INSULATED, METAL)
WATER BOTTLE CARRIER
COTTON SQUARE (5'X5')

FOOD KIT

BUSH POT WITH LID
EATING UTENSIL

FIRST AID KIT

TOURNIQUET
EMERGENCY TRAUMA DRESSING
WOUND PACKING GAUZE
EMERGENCY SURVIVAL WRAP

NAVIGATION KIT

COMPASS
PROTRACTOR (1:25,000)
PAGE BEADS
WATERPROOF NOTEBOOK (4"X6" MINIMUM)
MECHANICAL PENCIL

SIGNAL KIT

SIGNAL PANEL (IF NOT ON HAVERSACK)

SIGNAL MIRROR (IF NOT ON COMPASS)

WHISTLE

HEADLAMP WITH EXTRA BATTERIES

TOOL KIT

BELT KNIFE

PACK AXE

BUCK SAW (OR BUCKSAW YOU MADE AT BUSHCRAFT SKILLS COURSE)

MULTI-TOOL/SWISS ARMY KNIFE

DUCT TAPE

REPAIR NEEDLE

PADDLE STROP

SHARPENING PUCK

SAFETY

SLEEPING BAG (0-10 DEGREE)

35-40L DRY BAG

EYE PROTECTION

LEATHER WORK GLOVES

RAIN JACKET/PONCHO

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS (AS APPLICABLE)

OPTIONAL

OVER THE COUNTER MEDS (AS APPLICABLE)

HYGIENE KIT

TOBACCO PRODUCTS

BATTERY BANK FOR PHONE

NESTING CUP OR KUKSA

SMALL SKILLET

SECOND WATER BOTTLE

ADDITIONAL CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR (SEE IMPORTANT NOTE BELOW)

RECOMMENDED LAYERED CLOTHING SYSTEM

OUTER SHELL LAYER

WINDPROOF/WATERPROOF/BREATHABLE JACKET

WINDPROOF/WATERPROOF/BREATHABLE PANTS

INSULATING LAYER

EXPEDITION-WEIGHT MERINO WOOL TOP

EXPEDITION-WEIGHT MERINO WOOL BOTTOMS

PUFFER JACKET

DURABLE LAYER

NORMAL SHIRT AND PANTS FOR THE OUTDOORS

BASE LAYERS

LIGHTWEIGHT MERINO WOOL TOP

LIGHTWEIGHT MERINO WOOL BOTTOMS

SOCKS AND FOOTWEAR

BREATHABLE BOOTS OR WINTER MOCCASINS/MUKLUKS (SEE IMPORTANT NOTES)

RUBBER OVERSHOE TO PROTECT BOOTS DURING WET CONDITIONS

WOOL SOCKS (6 PAIRS OF VARYING WEIGHTS (LIGHT-, MEDIUM-, HEAVY- WEIGHT))

ACCESSORIES

INSULATED WORK GLOVES

HEAVILY-INSULATED MITTENS

WOOL KNIT CAP

WOOL SCARF

IMPORTANT NOTES: GB2 COURSES ARE FAMILY-FRIENDLY AND OFTEN INCLUDE PARENTS WITH THEIR CHILDREN. FIREARMS, ILLEGAL DRUGS, LEGALIZED RECREATIONAL DRUGS, AND ALCOHOL ARE NOT PERMITTED AT COURSES. STUDENTS WHO VIOLATE THIS WILL BE SUBJECT TO IMMEDIATE REMOVAL FROM THE COURSE WITH NO REFUND AND MAY BE BANNED FROM ATTENDING FUTURE TRAINING.

IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO BRING SLEEPING MATS OR WATER FILTERS TO THE COURSE. THESE ITEMS WILL BE LEFT BEHIND IN VEHICLES IF BROUGHT TO THE COURSE.

STUDENTS PRIMARY SLEEP SYSTEMS WILL BE SHELTERS AND BEDS THAT THEY HAVE CONSTRUCTED ALONG WITH THE TWO WOOL BLANKETS. DO NOT PLAN ON USING A SLEEPING BAG AS PART OF THEIR PRIMARY SLEEP SYSTEM. THE 35L DRY BAG WILL BE PACKED WITH AN EXTRA SET OF BASE LAYERS, CLOTHING, SOCKS, BOOTS, AND SLEEPING BAG AND WILL BE SECURELY STORED BY CADRE DURING THE COURSE. THIS IS AN EMERGENCY-ONLY BAG THAT STUDENTS WILL ONLY HAVE ACCESS TO IN AN EXTREME-WEATHER OR OTHER COLD-WEATHER EMERGENCY.

WINTER CONDITIONS CAN BE CLASSIFIED AS EITHER A DRY COLD OR A WET COLD. STUDENTS SHOULD BE PREPARED TO FACE BOTH DURING THE WINTER SKILLS COURSE. FOOTWEAR SHOULD BE OVSIZED TO ALLOW FOR UP TO THREE PAIRS OF WOOL SOCKS (LIGHT-, MEDIUM-, AND HEAVY-WEIGHTS) TO BE WORN AT ONCE WITHOUT THE FOOTWEAR BEING TIGHT AND RESTRICTING CIRCULATION. WATERPROOF BOOTS SUCH AS NEOPRENE OR RUBBER ARE NOT BREATHABLE AND NOT RECOMMENDED. BOOTS, WINTER MOCCASINS, OR MUKLUKS WITH A REMOVABLE WOOL INSERT ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. DURING WET CONDITIONS, HAVING "WATERPROOF" BOOTS THAT DO NOT BREATHE WILL CAUSE YOUR FEET TO SWEAT AND TRAP THAT MOISTURE INSIDE YOUR FOOTWEAR. IT IS RECOMMENDED TO HAVE A SIMPLE RUBBER OVERSHOE TO SLIP OVER THEM WHEN NECESSARY. THIS ALSO ELIMINATES THE NEED TO BRING A SECOND PAIR OF BOOTS FOR MIXED CONDITIONS.

FOOD IS PROVIDED FOR THIS COURSE. STUDENTS WILL BE SHOWN HOW TO PROCESS AND COOK CALORIE-DENSE WINTER MEALS. FOOD PROVIDED CONSISTS OF HIGH LEVELS OF FAT, BEEF, PORK, AND VEGETABLES. IF YOU HAVE ANY DIETARY RESTRICTIONS (MEDICAL, ALLERGEN, RELIGIOUS, LIFESTYLE-CHOICE), YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING YOUR OWN FOOD. WE CANNOT ACCOMMODATE ANY DIET OUTSIDE OF THE PROVIDED RATIONS. STUDENTS BRINGING THEIR OWN FOOD IN FOR ANY OF THOSE REASONS SHOULD PLAN FOR NO LESS THAN 10,000-12,000 CALORIES TO SUSTAIN THEMSELVES DURING THE 4-DAY WINTER COURSE.

ALL STUDENTS ARE PERMITTED TO MAKE THEIR OWN PEMMIGAN AND HARD TACK TO BRING TO THE COURSE AS SNACKS AND TO SUPPLEMENT THE PROVIDED RATIONS. THE AMOUNT FOR EACH PERSON IS LIMITED TO (1) ONE-QUART RESEALABLE BAG OF PEMMIGAN AND THE SAME-SIZED BAG FOR HARD TACK.

DISCLAIMER: AMAZON LINKS ARE AFFILIATE LINKS. GB2 DOES MAKE A SMALL COMMISSION FROM THESE SALES.