

RECOMMENDED GEAR FOR NEW SCOUTS AGES 11-14
ORANGE COUNTY COUNCIL HIGH ADVENTURE TEAM

Ideally, pack weight for a Scout should be about 20-25% of body weight. This percentage seems reasonable. Obviously, this percentage is not perfect, and other factors come into play such as a Scout's age, height, frame size, experience, physical conditioning, and attitude.

In recent years, gear manufacturers have marketed to 11-14 year-old youth, which is great for new Scouts starting to backpack. The following are some recommended 3-season backpacking packs, sleeping systems and tents for new Scouts. All gear available at REI except the BSA MOUNTAINEER BACKPACK-70 Liters (National Scout Store).

YOUTH SPECIFIC BACKPACKS

REI TARN 65 PACK-KID'S...\$159.00

OSPREY ACE 75 PACK-KID'S...\$180.00

GREGORY WANDER 70 PACK-KID'S...\$189.95

BSA MOUNTAINEER BACKPACK-70 LITERS...\$100.00

YOUTH SPECIFIC SLEEPING SYSTEMS

REI RADIANT 20 SLEEPING BAG-KID'S (goose down...2 lbs 2 oz)...\$149.00

REI ZEPHYR 20 SLEEPING BAG-KID'S (synthetic fill...2 lb 1 oz)...\$119.00

REI KINDERCAMP SLEEPING PAD (1 lb 3 oz)...\$49.95

TENT*

REI HALF DOME 2 PLUS TENT (5 lb 5 oz with footprint)...\$229.00

REI HALF DOME 2 PLUS TENT FOOTPRINT...\$34.95

*For double the price, you can get a lighter tent, but the "REI Half Dome" is the classic for Scouts...sleeps two, and can accommodate 6 footers easily. Scouts split the weight. Rugged and will give many years of service, assuming proper care.