



# Troop 21 Big Trip

Yellowstone / Teton 2026

June 6 – 14

Trip Information Packet



April 26, 2026

Dear Parents & Scouts:

This June Troop 21 will depart on our 44<sup>th</sup> annual big trip. This year we are heading to **Yellowstone / Teton National Parks**. The purpose of this packet is to provide you and your Scout with all the information to ensure a safe and enjoyable trip. A copy of this packet can also be found on the Troop 21 website: [www.Troop21clayton.org](http://www.Troop21clayton.org)

Please read the enclosed information carefully. The success of any trip depends on proper planning. We ask that all parents supervise their son's packing. Note: The average high temperature in June is 63 degrees and is 34 degrees at night. Due to space constraints, please bring only what is specified on the equipment list.

We ask that each Scout carry no more than two pieces of luggage: 1) a duffel bag: We will check this bag on the plane and 2) a daypack which you will carry on the plane and use for day trips.

At **7:00 pm** on **May 5<sup>th</sup>** at Wydown we will have a special troop meeting for all those Scouts going on the trip. A parent should also attend.

We will also cover any items not addressed in the packet and answer any questions.

**Tom Coscia**



## Yellowstone / Teton Itinerary (Tentative)

June 6 – 14, 2026

- Saturday: Our non-stop Delta flight leaves Lambert at 7:00 am and arrives in Salt Lake City at 9:11 am. Pick up vehicles and drive up to the Bridge Bay campground in Yellowstone. We may visit some Mormon sites before heading up North while a few adults procure groceries for the week. **Wear: Khaki pants or shorts with the Troop 21 black shirt**
- Sunday: See the upper geyser basin including Old Faithful, Castle, and Riverside Geysers. Hike along the Firehole River past Morning Glory pool. After Morning Glory, we will drive to Biscuit Basin and see Grand Prismatic Spring, the largest in the world. Continue on to the Norris Geyser Basin, the most active basin in the park.
- Monday: Visit the Elk Meadows, Obsidian Cliff, and Mammoth Hot Springs. See the amazing Lamar Valley and Tower Falls. Day hike along the slopes of Mt. Washburn.
- Tuesday: Drive along the shores of Yellowstone Lake to the Mud Volcano and Fountain Paint Pots. Continue on to Hayden Valley to view bison herds and moose. Spend the rest of the day at the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone with a special hike down Uncle Tom's trail to the base of Lower Falls.
- Wednesday: Strike camp and travel south to Grand Teton National Park. Tour the visitor center at Coulter Bay. See Jackson Lake: swim if you dare. Set up camp in Gros Ventre Campground in Teton National Park.
- Thursday: See Jenny Lake and hike along the base of the Teton Range.
- Friday: In the morning go whitewater rafting on the challenging Snake River along the Wyoming-Idaho border south of Jackson. Afterwards have lunch in Jackson and then go souvenir shopping in town.
- Saturday: Strike camp and travel to Salt Lake City and check into our hotel. En route stop at the Golden Spike National Historical Park in Corrinne, UT. Have dinner out.
- Sunday Have breakfast in Salt Lake City and catch a 9:41 am Delta non-stop flight to St. Louis arriving at 1:36 pm. **Wear: Khaki pants or shorts with the Troop 21 black shirt**



## Yellowstone / Teton 2026

### Personal Equipment Details

#### Dress

Everyone should wear their Troop 21 black shirt and khaki pants to the airport Saturday morning. Only Boy Scout hats may be worn with the Class B uniform. Everyone will also receive two trip shirts: One long sleeve t-shirt and one hoodie. Throughout the trip the dress code will be either the black Troop 21 shirt which we will wear when we are flying or one of the trip shirts. We will have extra Troop 21 black shirt at our big trip meeting.

#### Medical Form

No Scout or Scouter will be permitted to go on the trip unless a current medical form, with completed physician's sections, has been provided to Tom Coscia prior to departure. The medical form must be signed by a doctor in the last year. Copies of the medical form can be found on the Troop 21 website. [www.Troop21clayton.org](http://www.Troop21clayton.org)

If your son has any special medical condition or prescription, please inform Tom Coscia. If you would prefer, we can have an adult dispense your son's medication during the trip.

#### Trip Cell Phone Policy

Scouts are encouraged to bring their cell phones on this trip. Tom will want your cell phone number. Scouts will be able to charge their phone in the van. Be sure to bring your charger.

#### Money

The only money needed will be for souvenirs & snacks. No money will be needed for meals. An adequate amount should be \$70-\$100. If you prefer, we can have an adult safeguard your son's money. Place in an envelope with your son's name on it.

#### Labels

Please be sure to label **all** clothing and equipment with your name so that we can readily identify items. **Be sure to include your Troop 21 shirts - they all look alike.**

#### Glass Containers and Aerosol Cans

No glass containers or aerosol cans should be carried on the trip. Glass breaks easily and aerosol cans are bulky and may discharge in duffel bags.

#### Packs & Clothing

Scouts should be able to pack everything they need in two bags. In addition to a day pack, we would like everyone to use a duffel bag instead of a backpack as backpacks

are too bulky for travel by vans. The Troop will pay the luggage fee for one checked bag per person. Note: The duffel bag must weigh less than 50 pounds or it will be subject to additional fees. **Be sure items like knives are in your checked bag. Lighters must be in your carry-on.** We will be packing troop gear in separate bags.

A daypack should also be brought so that lunch, water bottle, and poncho can be carried on day trips. Be sure not to bring any liquids greater than 3 oz in your carry-on. Be sure to check those items in. Since we are flying on Delta and will be boarding the plane later in the boarding process, please make sure that your daypack can fit under the seat if overhead bin space is full.

**Note: The average June high temperature is 63 degrees and low is 34 degrees at night.**

## Camping

While in Yellowstone / Teton we will be camping in tents. Our first campground is at Bridge Bay campground in Yellowstone. Our second campground is Gros Ventre Campground in Teton National Park. We prefer if scouts can share tents.

## Food Preparation

When we are camping at Yellowstone / Teton we will prepare food using foil packs following the patrol method. Each Scout will know in advance what his duties and responsibilities are for each meal. Hopefully with everyone's help, we can spend a minimal time cooking and cleaning so we can spend more time seeing the sites.

While in Salt Lake City we will be eating out.

## Safe & Healthy Camping

Strict adherence to proper health and safety practices is crucial. Each Scout is responsible for keeping himself strong and healthy. Of great importance, each Scout is responsible to other members of his crew. Failure to clean and rinse cups and eating utensils thoroughly may affect everyone in the crew.

Health and safety are a crew responsibility as well as an individual one. Here are some wise practices that will keep each crewmember strong, safe and healthy.

## Discipline

It is critical to the success of the trip that all Scouts are well behaved. For this reason we reserve the right to send home--at parental expense--any Scout who proves to be too much of a disruption to the rest of the group. The Troop 21 Code of Conduct will be in effect at all time.

### Keep Personally Clean

Good campers are clean. Personal cleanliness will make you feel better, smell good, and look decent to the rest of the troop. A short haircut is recommended shortly before we leave for the **Yellowstone / Teton**.

### Drinking Water

All regular camping areas will have clean drinking water. There will be no need to purify any water.

### Washing Clothes

Black troop shirts and trip shirts will be washed once during the week. Clean clothes lift both morale and esteem. This will ensure the black troop shirts, the trip shirts, shorts and other articles of clothing are clean.

### Accidents

Most accidents occur late in the day in camp -- not while hiking. Many accidents involve horseplay. Fatigue and hunger may also impair a Scout's performance and judgment. Rock throwing, improper use of tools, climbing steep rocky ridges, running through campsites, climbing trees, and carelessness around campfires are prevalent causes of accidents. To avoid them, individual and crew discipline and safety should be practiced in all activities.

### Staying Together

Scouts are **never** to leave the group alone: Always stay together in-groups of three or more and make sure your adult leader knows where you are.

### Avoid Disease

Rabbits, bats, ground squirrels, chipmunks, and other rodents transmit rabies and the bubonic plague. Scouts should **never** handle ground animals.

### Repel those Mosquitoes

There may be mosquitoes in the **Yellowstone / Teton**. Strong mosquito repellent with a high percentage of "DEET" is highly recommend. Purchase liquids or stick as aerosols are not allowed.

**Aerosol containers of any kind are not allowed and should not be brought.**

## First Aid and Emergency Procedures

The Troop will carry a complete first aid kit. Minor ailments will be treated as common sense dictates on an individual basis. Scouts with asthma should carry their own inhaler. Serious injuries will be taken to the closest medical facility that will treat the condition.

If in the adult leader's judgment, a Scout cannot continue to participate because of medical reasons, we will telephone the parent or guardian and work out details for transporting your Scout home. If the emergency is such that your Scout must return home immediately, we will take him to the closest airport and place him on the next available flight to St. Louis.

In case of emergency at home, Tom Coscia's phone number is 314-780-3021. He may not always be accessible but you can leave a message and he can retrieve and return calls.

### **Camping Reservations**

We have all camping reservations for our trip. We have 5 adults and 9 Scouts going for a total of 14 people in 3 vans.



## Yellowstone / Teton 2026 Personal Equipment List

### Items Due

\_\_\_ Final payment of \$1,000 paid over the troop website

\_\_\_ Medical form signed by a doctor in the last year

### Packing (Remember to pack light!)

#### Have Packed

- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Duffel bag (no backpacks)
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Small daypack for day trips and on the plane
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Sleeping bag warm enough for 30-degree weather
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Tent - Sharing

### Clothing (required - packed in plastic bags)

- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 1 pair of walking shoes
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 1 pair of camp shoes (We do not recommend crocs or flip flops)
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 3 pairs of light weight socks
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 2 pairs of beige khaki shorts / or pants
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 1 Troop 21 black shirts (We will have additional shirts)
  
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 4 changes of underwear
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Long-sleeve trip shirt – you will receive at the airport
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Trip hoodie – you will receive at the airport
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 1 jacket for 30-degree weather
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Rain suit or poncho
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Belt
  
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 2 pair of long pants
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 2 extra T-shirts (for camp)
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Sleepwear
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Bathing suit for white water rafting
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Rafting shoes (river sandals, water socks, old sneakers (no flip-flops or crocs))

## **Personal Hygiene** (required)

- Soap
- Toothbrush & small toothpaste
- Comb
- Small towel
- Large towel (shower)
- Kleenex tissue (small packages)
- Toilet paper in a plastic bag (partial roll)
- Lip balm
- Sunscreen
- Medication (if required)

## **Miscellaneous**

- Cell phone and charger
- Cash (for souvenirs & snacks while traveling)
- Water bottle - 2 each, of a one quart or one liter size
- Headlamp or Flashlight
- Personal first aid kit
- Pocketknife (no sheath knives) (Be sure to pack in your checked luggage)
- Matches in a waterproof case (Be sure to pack in your checked luggage)
- Mosquito repellent
- Sandals, water shoes that can get wet – (No flip flops)
- Hat for sun protection
- Pad for sleeping

## **Optional Equipment**

- Foam pad (highly recommended) (pack in your duffel)
- Small camp chair
- Camera or phone (highly recommended)
- Sunglasses
- Eye glass straps
- Small notepad and pencil
- Gloves and wool cap if you are sensitive to cold
- Watch (inexpensive & waterproof)
- Small deck of playing cards
- Reading material for traveling