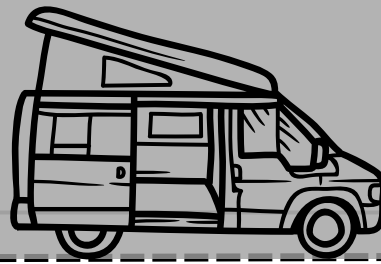


CAR CAMPING CHECKLIST



1. Planning & Preparation

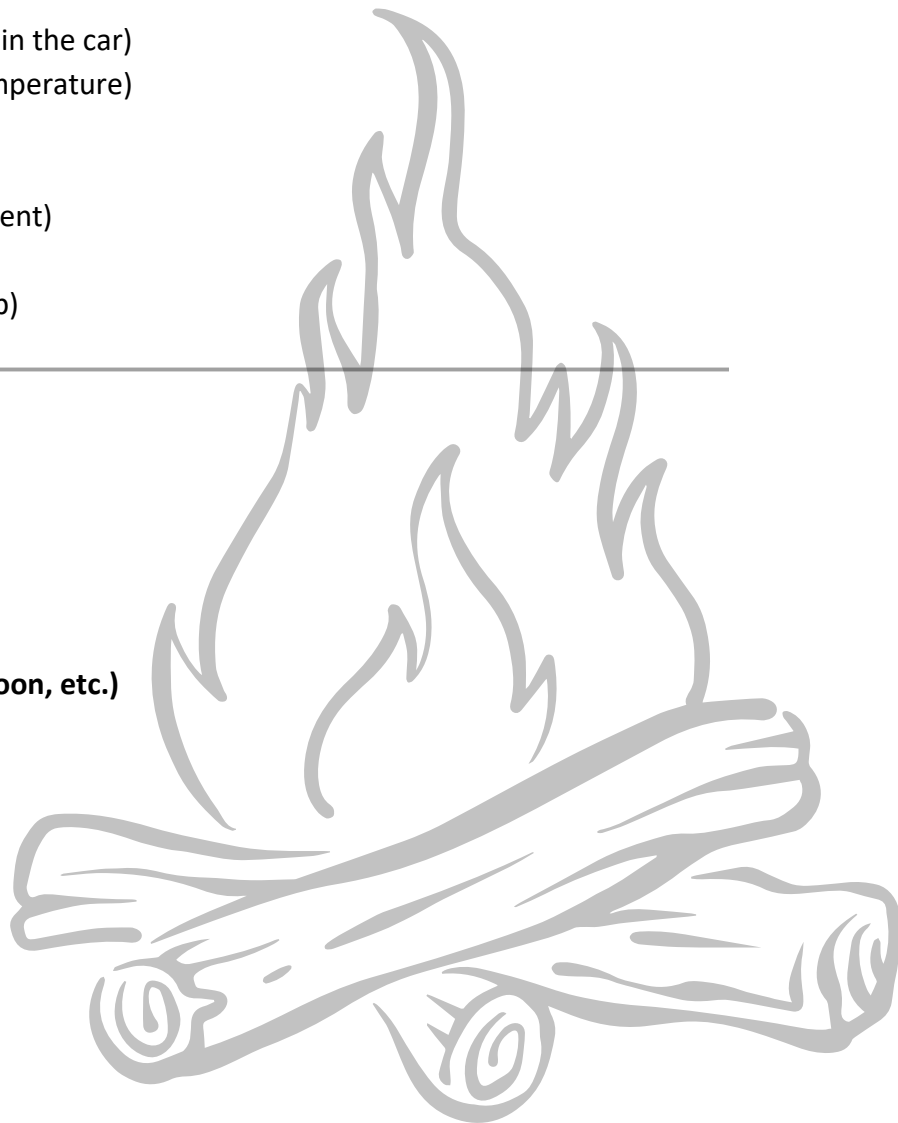
- ✓ **Choose Your Destination** – Research campgrounds, permits, and regulations.
 - ✓ **Check the Weather** – Pack accordingly for rain, cold, or heat.
 - ✓ **Plan Your Route** – Identify gas stations, grocery stores, and emergency stops.
 - ✓ **Reserve a Campsite (if required)** – Many popular sites need reservations.
 - ✓ **Ensure Vehicle Readiness** – Check oil, tire pressure, and fuel levels.
 - ✓ **Download Offline Maps** – In case of poor cell service.
 - ✓ **Share Your Itinerary** – Let a friend or family member know your plans.
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2. Sleeping & Shelter

- ✓ **Tent or Rooftop Tent** (if not sleeping in the car)
 - ✓ **Sleeping Bag** (appropriate for the temperature)
 - ✓ **Sleeping Pad or Air Mattress**
 - ✓ **Pillow & Blanket**
 - ✓ **Tarp or Groundsheet** (for under the tent)
 - ✓ **Hammock** (optional, for relaxing)
 - ✓ **Earplugs & Eye Mask** (for better sleep)
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3. Cooking & Food Supplies

- ✓ **Cooler & Ice Packs**
- ✓ **Camp Stove or Portable Grill**
- ✓ **Fuel/Propane for Stove**
- ✓ **Cookware (Pots, Pans, etc.)**
- ✓ **Cooking Utensils (Spatula, Tongs, Spoon, etc.)**
- ✓ **Plates, Bowls, Cups & Cutlery**
- ✓ **Knife & Cutting Board**
- ✓ **Food Storage Containers & Zip Bags**
- ✓ **Camping Table & Chairs**
- ✓ **Portable Coffee Maker or Kettle**
- ✓ **Dish Soap & Sponge**
- ✓ **Trash Bags (Leave No Trace!)**
- ✓ **Paper Towels**



4. Food & Snacks

- ✓ **Non-Perishable Items** (canned goods, pasta, rice, etc.)
 - ✓ **Fresh Produce & Proteins** (if refrigeration is available)
 - ✓ **Energy Bars, Nuts, and Dried Fruits**
 - ✓ **Instant Meals & Freeze-Dried Food**
 - ✓ **Plenty of Water & Reusable Water Bottles**
 - ✓ **Coffee, Tea, or Hot Chocolate**
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5. Clothing & Footwear

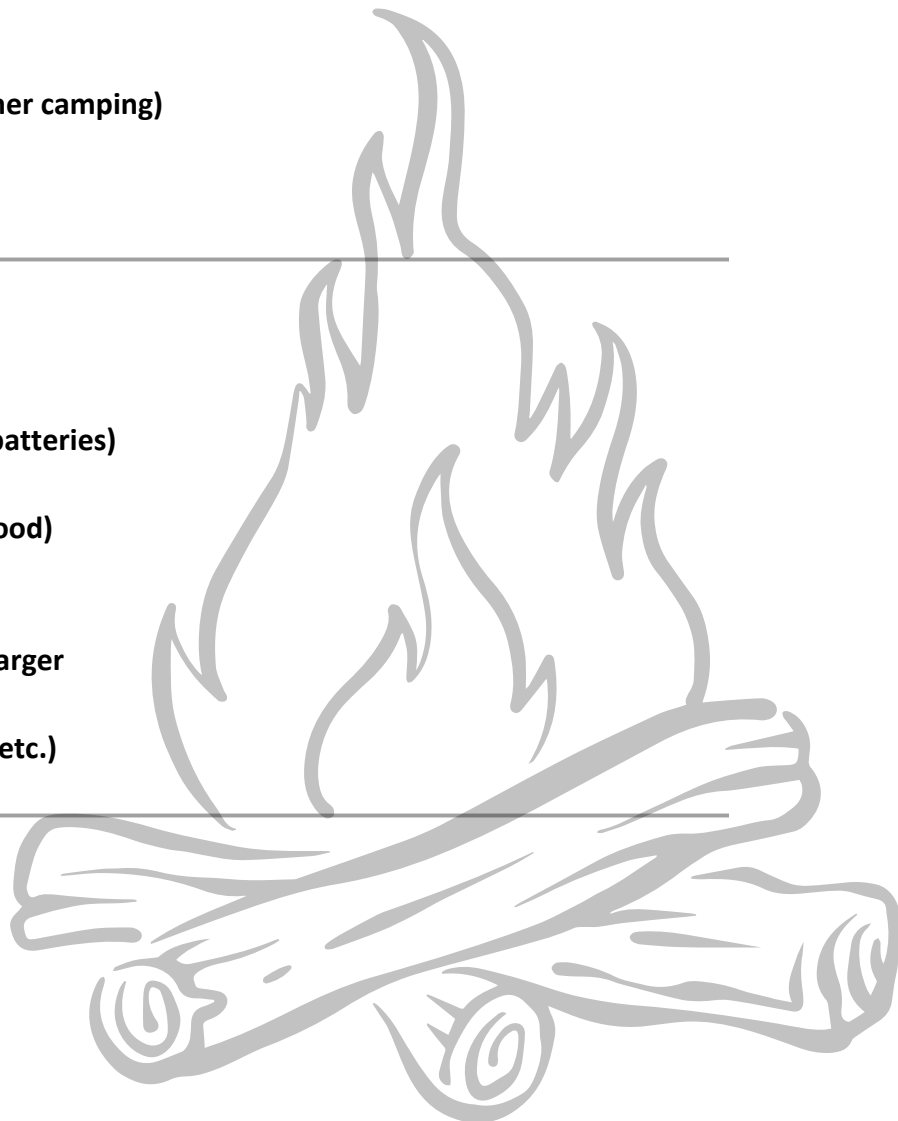
- ✓ **Weather-Appropriate Layers** (base layer, mid-layer, outer shell)
 - ✓ **Comfortable Hiking Shoes or Boots**
 - ✓ **Extra Socks & Underwear**
 - ✓ **Rain Jacket or Poncho**
 - ✓ **Gloves, Hat, and Scarf** (if cold weather camping)
 - ✓ **Swimsuit & Quick-Dry Towel**
 - ✓ **Sleepwear & Camp Shoes**
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6. Safety & Emergency Gear

- ✓ **First Aid Kit**
 - ✓ **Headlamp & Flashlight** (with extra batteries)
 - ✓ **Multi-Tool or Knife**
 - ✓ **Fire Starter** (lighter, matches, firewood)
 - ✓ **Bear Spray or Insect Repellent**
 - ✓ **Sunscreen & Sunglasses**
 - ✓ **Portable Phone Charger or Solar Charger**
 - ✓ **Whistle & Emergency Blanket**
 - ✓ **Basic Repair Kit** (duct tape, zip ties, etc.)
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7. Camping Essentials

- ✓ **Camping Chairs & Table**
- ✓ **Shade Canopy or Tarp**
- ✓ **Lantern & String Lights**



- ✓ Backpack for Short Hikes
 - ✓ Books, Cards, or Games
 - ✓ Notebook & Pen (for journaling or notes)
 - ✓ Binoculars (for wildlife watching)
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8. Hygiene & Toiletries

- ✓ Biodegradable Soap & Shampoo
 - ✓ Toothbrush & Toothpaste
 - ✓ Wet Wipes & Hand Sanitizer
 - ✓ Quick-Dry Towel
 - ✓ Toilet Paper & Trowel (if primitive camping)
 - ✓ Deodorant & Personal Hygiene Items
 - ✓ Laundry Bag for Dirty Clothes
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9. Fun & Entertainment

- ✓ Camera or GoPro
 - ✓ Fishing Gear (if applicable)
 - ✓ Bluetooth Speaker (respect campground quiet hours)
 - ✓ Hiking Maps & Trail Guides
 - ✓ Notebook or Sketchpad
 - ✓ Star Chart or Astronomy App for Stargazing
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Final Tips for a Great Car Camping Trip

- ✓ **Pack Light But Efficiently** – Only bring essentials to maximize space.
- ✓ **Stay Organized** – Use storage bins or packing cubes.
- ✓ **Follow Leave No Trace Principles** – Pack out what you pack in.
- ✓ **Respect Campground Rules** – Be mindful of noise and wildlife.
- ✓ **Have Fun!** – Enjoy nature, unwind, and make memories.

By following this checklist, you'll be fully prepared for a safe and enjoyable car camping trip.

Happy camping! 🏕️??

