



Winter Skills

Required Equipment List (2022)

IMPORTANT NOTE: Click on underlined items to find links to items that are recommended and field tested that are offered as suggestions. Alternative like items can be used to fill the requirements. It is up to you as the consumer and student to ensure that any alternative item is adequate for the course.

For more convenient shopping and discounted prices on required gear, you can access our bundles here: <https://graybeardedgreenberet.com/product-category/bundles/>

Backpack 60-80L

Haversack

Bottle Carrier

Fire Kit

Lighter

Stormproof Matches (Titan, Sweetfire, or Behemoth recommended)

Ferro Rod (8" recommended)

Magnifying Lens

Emergency Tinder (if not bringing Sweetfire or Behemoth matches)

Tinder Pouch

Charring and Storage Tin

Shelter Kit

Tarp

Wool Blanket

Additional Wool Blanket or Sleeping Bag

Paracord 25'

#36 Bank Line

Water Kit

Single Walled Metal Water Bottle

Nesting Cup and Kuksa (or two nesting cups)

Cotton Square

Food Kit

Bush Pot with Lid

Eating Utensil

First Aid Kit

Tourniquet

Wound Packing Gauze

Trauma Dressing

Emergency Survival Wrap

Nav Kit

Compass
Protractor 1:25k
Pace Beads
Large Waterproof Notebook
Mechanical Pencil

Signal Kit

Signal Panel
Signal Mirror (if no mirror on compass)
Whistle
Headlamp
Extra Batteries

Tool Kit

Belt Knife
Bucksaw
Pack Axe
Multitool
Duct Tape
Repair Needle
Paddle Strop

Safety Items

Leather Work Gloves
Eye Protection
Prescription Meds

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED EQUIPMENT LIST:

Weather can change at any time in the mountains and present training participants with emergency weather conditions. In addition to the normal packing list, all students attending a Winter Skills Course must bring the following (this is non-negotiable and a requirement for training in winter):

Layered Clothing System:

Wicking Base Layer (Light or Medium Weight Merino Wool Top and Bottom)
Insulating Layer (Heavyweight Merino Wool Top and Bottom Recommended)
Durable Layer (Normal clothes for cold weather [Pants, T-Shirt, Long Sleeve Shirt])
Wind/Waterproof Layer (Goretex Shell Parka and Pants)
Wool Hat, Gloves, and Scarf
Wool Socks (3 Pair Minimum)
Appropriate Waterproof Boots or Shoes (2 Pair Recommended)
35L Dry Bag

This clothing system may be worn as needed or placed in the dry bag on standby (administratively) for emergencies depending on weather conditions.

Snowshoes and Traction Devices will be provided by GB2 Staff for use during the course. However, you may also bring your own if you choose. In addition, an extra metal container to be used for water procurement will be provided for the course so no need for a second bush pot.

Optional Items

- Over the Counter Meds
- Hygiene Kit
- Insect Repellant
- Additional Clothes
- Additional Blanket
- Tobacco Products
- Battery Bank for Phone
- Small Skillet
- Small Plate or Bowl
- Second Water Bottle

Recommended Reading: “Surviving The Wild” by Joshua Enyart

Recommended Viewing: “Into the Winter” by Gray Beard Media

Ensure you check your email periodically as course-specific virtual training modules will be sent to you prior to the course to help you better prepare for this training.

Please arrive at the course on time and ready to train, having had a good breakfast already. We do not stop for lunch and there is no breakfast the first day. We will have your food safely stored and available for you when you arrive, and you will learn to cook it for yourself. Staff do not cook for you or serve your meals. Part of your tuition money is used to purchase groceries for you to access in the field as a convenience for those traveling into a course. This also reduces the amount of trash, potential litter, and consolidates food to reduce animal and pest hazards. We are not providing a “food service” which is highly regulated. The food choices consist of beef, pork, and fat, along with a mix of vegetables, and simple ingredients like flour and corn meal. Do not bring your own food or snacks unless medically necessary, or you have dietary restrictions, and you have notified the training coordinator ahead of time. If you have dietary restrictions, we cannot accept liability for that, so you will need to bring your own food to the course. Notify us at training@graybeardedgreenberet.com.

One exception to the no outside food rule: each student may bring up to (1) one-quart resealable bag of hard tack and up to (1) one-quart resealable bag of pemmican, provided that the student made both of them and they are not commercially purchased items.

Illegal drugs and alcohol are not permitted at GB2 Courses. Students who violate this are subject to immediate removal from the course without refund or postponement and may be banned from future training opportunities within the GB2 system.