

## Quick look up table for major items

*Note: Consult [www.rei.com/expertadvice/camping#tab\\_4](http://www.rei.com/expertadvice/camping#tab_4) to become familiar with the gear selection process.*

Item	Good Sale Price	Target Weight	Key Features
Backpack	\$60-\$100	A good pack is light weight	4500 cubic inches internal frame; 3500 external. Pack should weigh 25 lbs. or less without crew gear and food. See the Alps Mountaineering website at <a href="http://www.scoutdirect.com">www.scoutdirect.com</a> for some of the best deals on non-sale packs at \$88 and less.
Hiking Boots	\$80-\$150	N/A	Try boots on with the socks you will hike in. Only use boots which rise above the ankles to give proper support and stability. Boots MUST be waterproof, NOT water resistant. The more seams the boots have the more likely to leak. Make sure seams have tape on the inside. Soles of the boots should be stiff; Vibram soles are the best.
Lightweight Tent	\$100-\$150	4-5 lbs.	A good example is the REI quarter or half dome tent ( <a href="http://www.rei.com">www.rei.com</a> ), or the Zephyr 2 at Alps Mountaineering. See the Alps Mountaineering website at <a href="http://www.scoutdirect.com">www.scoutdirect.com</a> for some of the best deals on non-sale tents at \$90 and less.
Sleeping Bag	\$80-\$150	Less than 3 lbs.	Get a 20 to 35 degree bag with a water proof stuff sack; include a plastic bag to ensure dryness (outdoor temp will get into 40s). Synthetic fill material is less expensive than down and dries quicker, but is a little heavier. See the Alps Mountaineering website at <a href="http://www.scoutdirect.com">www.scoutdirect.com</a> for some of the best deals on non-sale sleeping bags at \$100 and less, and pads for \$33 and less.