

**Merced County Sheriff's Posse**  
**Search and Rescue - SAR Daypack Contents**

<b>Item</b>	<b>SCS</b>	<b>FS</b>	<b>Mne</b>	<b>SEA</b>	<b>HG</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Compass	X	X	●	X	X	Silva - Type preferred - hg
Knife	X	X	●	●	X	Boy Scout or Swiss Army preferred
Whistle	-	-	●	●	X	plastic for winter use
Signal Mirror	-	X	-	-	X	
Flashlight	X	-	-	-	X	small, 2-cell, extra batts and bulbs
Large Kerchief	X	-	X	-	X	bandanna or triangular bandage
Sweater	X	-	-	-	X	wool, polypropylene, or capilene
Extra Socks	X	X	-	-	X	wool in plastic bag to keep dry
Mittens	X	X	-	-	X	wool or polypropylene
Balaclava or Scarf	X	X	-	-	X	wool
Long Johns	-	-	-	-	X	wool, polypropylene, duofold
Can or Cup, Metal	X	X	-	●	X	w/bail or handle for heating H2O
Canteen (s)	-	X	-	-	X	at least 2 quarts - plastic ok
Aluminum Foil 3'x3'	-	-	X	-	-	hvy - instead of cup
Matches	X	X	●	●	X	wooden, waterproofed in oparafin
Fire Starters	-	-	-	-	-	
Candle	X	X	-	●	X	plumber's best
Pitch Wood	X	-	-	-	-	
Cardboard	-	-	-	X	X	parafin soaked in 2" squares
000 steel wool	-	X	-	-	X	-
Mag Metal match	-	-	-	-	X	-
Notebook and pencil	X	-	-	-	X	-
Trail Food	-	X	-	-	-	-
Nuts	X	-	-	-	X	-
Rasins	X	X	-	-	X	-
dried fruit	-	-	X	-	X	-
coffee creamer	-	-	X	-	-	-
Gum	X	-	X	-	-	-
sugar cubes	X	-	X	●	-	-
hard candy	-	-	X	-	-	-
fruit drops	X	-	-	-	-	-
gatorade or ERG	-	-	-	-	X	powdered mix
instant cocoa	-	-	-	-	-	-
tea bags	-	-	X	●	X	-
bullion cubes	-	-	X	●	X	-
vienna sausage	-	-	X	-	-	canned high protien meat
Chocolate	-	-	●	●	X	-
Salt	-	-	-	●	-	-
Leaf Bags/Plastic	X	X	-	●	X	2 large bags or 9' x 12' tarp
Space Blanket	-	X	-	-	X	Thermos - style preferred
Medicine/Eyeglasses	-	-	●	-	X	personal needs, spare glasses
First Aid Kit	X	-	-	X	X	bandaids, aspirin, compresses, T-bandage
Chapstick	X	-	-	-	-	for lips or burns
Goggles, dark	X	-	-	-	-	for winter snow work
Toilet Tissue	X	-	-	-	X	-
Rope/String - 50'	X	-	-	-	X	Dental floss or halibut line ok
Sealing Tape - 10'	X	-	-	X	X	Duct tape/Nylon Strapping
Safety pins	-	-	X	-	X	-
Needle and thread	-	-	X	-	-	Dental Floss ok for thread
Wristwatch	-	-	-	-	X	needed on searches
Plastic flagging tape	-	-	-	-	X	search item for marking bodys,clues
PMA	●	●	●	●	●	Most Important thing to take with you
	-	-	-	-	-	** Positive Mental Attitude

Recommended by: **SCS:** Soil Conservation Service, Snow Survey Safety Guide

**FS:** Forest Service, Winter Recreational Safety Guide;

**Mne:** Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, You are alone in the Maine Woods/ The Lost Hunter's Guide;

**SEA:** Survaval Education Assn, Gene Fear, Surviving the Unexpected Wilderness Emergency

**HG:** Hatch Graham, compiler and CARDA Dog Handler.