

Troop 238 Mess Kit 2014

- In 2014 the troop will move to personal mess kits
- A kit can be assembled from things you probably have around the house
- There is no need to go out and buy a ready made kit, although you may elect to do so
- Stick with plastic components with possible exception of the cup. A metal cup can be used to heat water for purification or make a meal
- If you have a plastic cup, make sure that it is good for hot and cold. No one wants their cup to fail with hot chocolate in it
- The following mess kit was assembled from Wal-Mart and the Dollar Tree store
- Don't forget to put your name on every piece of the kit with permanent marker



Pick a cup. Look for what you have at home. NO GLASS or Ceramic. Here are 3 choices from Wal-Mart. The plastic Coleman cup is good for hot and cold. Cost is under \$5. Same price point with the stainless steel. The aluminum cup costs \$1.97. Unfortunately, Lexington does not carry it. It is available in Salisbury and Greensboro. If you want an aluminum cup, let scoutmaster know and I can pick one up on my travels.



Pick up a plastic plate and bowl. 4 for \$1.00 at Dollar tree. A “spork” is also another good thing to have. It works like a spoon and a fork. 4 for about 3.00 at Wal-Mart. No need to bother with a knife. It adds weight. The pocket knife works wonders. Ask a scout the last time he needed to cut food to eat it.

Last but not least, pick up a mesh laundry bag. This one is from Wal-Mart. 97 cents

Assemble the whole thing into the mesh bag. The mesh will allow the dishes to air dry!
Tie a piece of cord or add a dollar store carabiner and you can hang it from the nearest
whatever. DON'T forget to PUT YOUR NAME on EVERY PIECE of your kit

