



# **Equipment Checkout Policy**

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As a benefit of being a current member of Minnesota Rovers Outdoors Club, you are eligible to borrow equipment from the equipment locker to use and enjoy while participating on an posted Rovers trip. This is a great way for members to try various equipment for new activities without having to make a huge investment in equipment right away. There is an extensive inventory of items available for you to use.

Our Equipment Director and Assistant volunteer their time keeping equipment organized and ready for use. Please be respectful of the club, the equipment, and the Equipment Director and Assistant, by following the rules outlined below.

## 1. Check out and return equipment.

Arrange pick-up and return of equipment with the Equipment Director or Assistant with as much advanced notice as possible. We recommend testing the equipment prior to use to make sure it will fit your needs and early enough to provide enough time to exchange it with Equipment Director prior to your trip. Don't hang onto the equipment — someone else may want to use it. Should your trip require use of equipment longer than the standard checkout and return week, please discuss the requirement with the equipment director or assistant to determine if the equipment can be made available.

All equipment is expected to be returned clean and dry. This is very important for tents. Sleeping bags are to be aired out before return, but not laundered. Sleeping bag liners are required to be used with sleeping bags to improve cleanliness and longevity of the sleeping bag. Liners need to be washed and dried.

If you are concerned about availability of a piece of equipment for your trip, please contact the Equipment Director in advance to determine availability. Equipment is available on a first-come-first-serve basis for posted Rover trips. Please email <a href="mailto:equipment@mnrovers.org">equipment@mnrovers.org</a> your request to reserve equipment as soon as possible AFTER signing up for a trip. Include the trip name and dates. The Equipment Director will confirm your reservation by email. If you do not have access to email, please call or text your request to Equipment Director and Assistant.

### 2. Check out and return equipment for yourself and not others.

If you sign out a piece of equipment, you are financially responsible for its loss, theft, or damage. You will not be held responsible for damage to equipment that is considered normal wear and tear used under normal circumstances.

Do not give equipment to another person to return for you. Do not check out equipment for others to use unless it is for a trip you are coordinating and you feel comfortable doing so. If equipment you checked out is not returned or is returned damaged beyond normal wear and tear, you are responsible for its repair or replacement at the equipment director's discretion.

### 3. Only current members of Minnesota Rovers are allowed to check out the equipment.

Checking out equipment is a benefit of Rovers club membership. Your membership dues pay for new, updated equipment.

## 4. Equipment is to be used only for posted Rovers trips.

Equipment is not for use on personal or unannounced trips.

## 5. Bring your membership ID number with expiration date and fill out the form completely.

When checking out equipment, you will be provided with a form to fill out. Fill this out completely including your first and last name. Your telephone number is required so we can reach you if we have questions about the equipment you checked out. Also include your personal email address and Rovers ID number with expiration date.

## 6. Report any problems with equipment.

Please report any problems or equipment failures when returning equipment so the Equipment Director can attend to it before someone else borrows it. Would you want to find out too late that the poles are broken or missing on a tent you borrowed for a week-long backpacking trip?

## 7. Watercraft Agreement.

In order to check out watercraft, you must agree to the Minnesota Rovers <u>Watercraft Checkout and Use</u> Agreement.