

MESS KIT INFO SHEET

To reduce our environmental impact, we would like to ask that all overnight camp participants please bring a “MESS KIT”

You can bring plates, bowls, and utensils from home that you already have if you would like. Below is a selection of low-cost options we have found that will fit the need.

The minimum for a kit would be a fork, a spoon, a knife, and a plate. Also, a mesh bag to hang your kit to dry. You can use your reusable water bottle to drink, and we typically don't serve meals that require a bowl.

Don't forget a reusable hot cup for cocoa or coffee!

All options below were Available at WALMART Centereach



Ozark Trail 2 Person Table Setting in Mesh Bag

\$12- (6 per person)

Has a large plate, collapsible bowl/cup, fork/knife/spoon in a mesh drying bag. This is an excellent option for an all-in-one solution purpose-built for this situation. The mesh bag lets you hang the kit to dry when you are done cleaning and keeps things together. This is a great option this is durable and compact.

Located in the camping section



24 Piece Kids Dinnerware Set

\$5.00 (\$1.25 per person)

This set has a table setting for 4. It includes a plate, a bowl, a divided tray, utensils, and cups. This is a SUPER budget-friendly option for a large family that may ACTUALLY be used at home, making it a thrifty investment. You would need to find a mesh bag to hang your kit after washing. THIS IS ALSO A GREAT BUDGET FRIENDLY OPTION.

Located in the kitchen/home section near the lunch boxes



The items above are plastic and sold individually in various colors. You could build your kit as needed. The cost \$0.50 an item.



This reusable utensil set costs \$1.00 and comes in a case. I wasn't able to check the size/durability of them because of the seal on the package. They are intended for kids' lunch boxes, though. Combine this with a plate or tray from above, and you could have a "MESS KIT" for \$1.50 per person.

Located in the kitchen/home section near the lunch boxes



This utensil set is \$1.97 and has a ring through the handle to keep them together. They are slightly larger and more durable and are a great option.

Located in the Camping section

I did find low-cost options at a local DOLLAR TREE store. They sell metal three-piece utensil sets for \$1.25, this makes the set for three persons \$3.75. I did not find a good plate option there, but they did have bowls or "meal prep" containers with lids that would work for plates/bowls.

DOLLAR TREE does have mesh laundry bags that should fit most of these options as a DIY mess kit. There are three bags in the set for \$1.25.

There are several other commercial options available in various premium materials, but they are overkill for what we need at a pack campout. Titanium and steel are durable, but for something you use 1-2 times a year, a simple plastic option is more thrifty.