

## Backpacking Preparation Checklist

- ☐ Is your **pack** ready?
- ☐ Did you check and test all your **gear**?
- ☐ Do you *have* all your gear (see gear **checklist**)?
- ☐ Did you prepare your **itinerary**?
- ☐ Did you **leave your itinerary with someone responsible**?
- ☐ Did you **leave a copy of your itinerary in your car**?
- ☐ Have you checked the **conditions** at your destination?
  - Road conditions
  - Trail conditions
  - Weather forecasts
- ☐ Have you acquired/paid all necessary **permits, reservations, and fees**?
- ☐ Do you have your **topographic map** marked with waypoints and your route?
- ☐ Do you have a guidebook or local resource for **information** on your destination?
- ☐ Do you know what **wildlife** you may encounter and are you prepared for those encounters?
- ☐ Have you gone through your "**What if's**" and made a plan for each?
- ☐ Have you **called ahead** to get information and confirm conditions?
- ☐ Are you **physically prepared** for the trip?
- ☐ Do you know what to do in the event of an **emergency**?
- ☐ Have you set up **transportation** to and from your destination?