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?
   o Road conditions
   o Trail conditions
   o 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?