

Mountain Canine Corps (MCC) is a nonprofit search and rescue (SAR) organization that is composed of all volunteers. Unfortunately, we do not have adequate funding to equip our volunteers. Therefore, MCC team members purchase the necessary equipment for their activities with the team.

Disclaimer: The information below is provided as a guideline only for the most common items needed by MCC team members on search missions. This list is derived from an MCC team lecture called "What's in Mike's Pack?". This list is not exhaustive and does not cover all possible outdoor scenerios. Please carefully consider your planned activities, the weather (both the anticipated and the remotely possible conditions), the terrain, and plan your equipment accordingly. Some pieces of equipment are a personal preference. For example, some people prefer hydration systems/water bladders to water bottles. Finally, if you do search and rescue in New Mexico, there is a required minimal equipment list. Please refer to the ["Gear and Clothing" section](#) excerpted from the New Mexico Department of Public Safety's "Search and Rescue 'Field' Certification System" for further information.

Cold weather gear hint: Keep electronic items that need batteries in a pocket close to your body. This helps battery performance in cold conditions.

Non-physical equipment - Medical insurance / Medical liability insurance

Physical equipment - In the following list, cold weather specific items are preceded by a "C" in parentheses. Keep in mind that, because of the high altitudes one can encounter in New Mexico, cold weather gear can be appropriate gear during the middle of the summer.

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