

Duct Tape

**FLOSS IT!**

**STICK IT!**

**TAPE IT!**

**GLUE IT!**

Seam Grip Field Repair Kit

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Backcountry Gear Repair Kit

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**SAVE YOUR GEAR**

**Duct tape** (\$3 to \$4) This stuff has got to be among the most useful things known to man. It's sticky, even when wet, and can be used for everything from patching a hole in your tent to securing a broken battery compartment on your flashlight. Create your own mini-roll: Grab a Popsicle stick and snag some duct tape from your dad's big ol' roll in the garage.

**Tear-Aid** (\$6; [www.boyslife.org/links/tear-aid](http://www.boyslife.org/links/tear-aid)) Similar to duct tape, Tear-Aid is better for longer-term repairs because it's very flexible and moves with the fabric you've fixed. It's also super strong, airtight, watertight, puncture-resistant, holds under air pressure and can affix to canvas, rubber, nylon, neoprene, most plastics, metals and more. Tear-Aid patches are see-through, so there's no worry about matching the tape color with what you're repairing.

**Seam Grip Field Repair Kit** (\$7; [www.boyslife.org/links/seamgrip](http://www.boyslife.org/links/seamgrip)) This pocket-size 1.2-oz. repair kit is the perfect thing to throw in your backpack for those Plan B times. It includes a tiny tube of Seam Grip (basically a urethane adhesive and sealant), a brush and two patches. You can use this stuff for waterproofing seams in tents and boots or for patching tears and rips in sleeping bags, backpacks, air mattresses, rainwear and more.

Dental Floss

**Dental floss** (\$2 to \$3) Besides keeping your gums healthy, dental floss can be used as a super-strong thread (it's made from a bundle of tiny nylon filament) to mend many things. Of course you'll need a needle, too. Pick a thicker, stronger needle if you plan on sewing through something like a backpack strap, and a thin one for repairing a tent or jacket seam. In a pinch, you can even use floss as a replacement shoelace.

**Adventure Medical Kits Backcountry Gear Repair Kit** (\$28; [www.boyslife.org/links/adventuremk](http://www.boyslife.org/links/adventuremk)) This 8-oz. pack includes all kinds of stuff to repair all kinds of outdoor gear. Inside you'll find: zip ties, parachute cord, duct tape, sleeping-pad repair kit, heavy-duty sewing kit, glue stick, tent-pole splint, Seam Grip, buckles, buttons and zippers. A great item for troop leaders or expedition guides to carry.✦

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