

Elaine's List of Backpacking Vendors and Repair Services:

Local Vendors:

- REI (two Houston locations) or www.rei.com. Full range of backpacking gear, boots, clothing, biking, and kayaking equipment. REI carries their own brand plus name-brand goods. It is a co-op, so you can join and receive a year-end dividend back on purchases.
- Whole Earth Provision Company - Shepherd at Alabama next to Bookstop. Name-brand backpacking equipment, books and maps, clothes and exceptionally good selection of boots.
- Academy- Throughout Houston. Low-cost fishing equipment, cots, car-camping supplies and footwear.
- Gander Mountain (290 past the beltway).

Mail-order:

- Campmor (www.campmor.com). Incredibly wide range of name-brand camping, backpacking and water-sport gear. Also clothes, watches, etc.
- L. L. Bean (www.llbean.com). Car-camping gear.
- Sierra Trading Post (www.sierratradingpost.com). Boots and clothes.

Repair/Parts (Recommended by Scoutmaster Jim):

- Rainy Pass Repair, Inc. (repair@rainypass.com), 4415 Stone Way North, Seattle, Washington, 98103, 888-RIPSTOP or 206-523-8135; This company repairs Gore-tex.
- TentPole Technologies, LLC (www.polesforyou.com), 8212 NE 99th Circle, Vancouver, WA 98662; 360-260-9527; Replacement tent poles at very reasonable prices.