

Sleeping Bags Intermediate 1999 State Contest

Kristen, age 10, will be attending 4-H camp this year for the first time. As she was reading the list of items she needed to take to camp she realized she would have to buy a sleeping bag.

Kristen decided that she needed a sleeping bag that would be warm enough to use at 4-H camp, summer family camping trips and trips to the state fair. It has to be fairly lightweight, as she will need to carry it by herself along with her other camping supplies. She would like to be able to use the sleeping bag for several years. Also, it must fit into her budget.

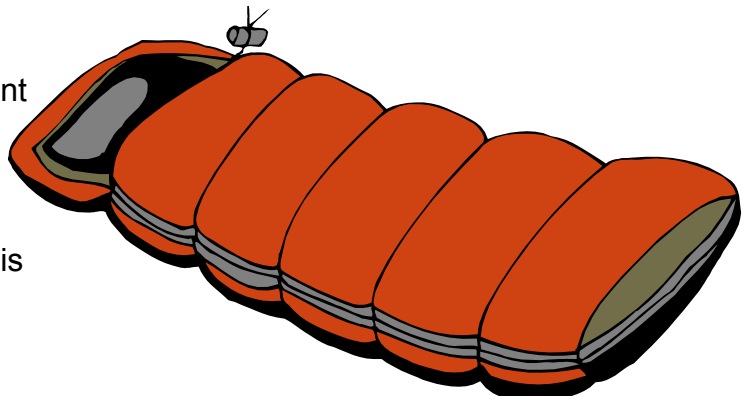
Her parents agreed to give her \$30 to purchase the sleeping bag. Any additional cost would need to come out of Kristen's limited funds. She has \$15 of her own money that she has saved for summer activities that could also be used for the sleeping bag.

Which sleeping bag would be the best choice for Kristen?

Criteria:

- **Appropriate for desired use**
- **Light weight / easy to carry**
- **Budget**

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#1

Kid-Sized Mummy Bag

Size – 26” x 67’

Fill – 2 pounds 12 ounces Hollofill II

Temperature Rating – For down to 30 degrees

Cover – Ripstop Nylon

Liner – Polyester/cotton

Storage – Stuff Sack

Cost - \$45.00

#2

Mummy Bag

Size – 32' x 82"

Fill – 38 ounces Hollofil II

Temperature Rating – For down to 15 degrees, early spring and late fall camping

Cover – Eggplant Nylon

Liner – Silver Nylon

Storage – Stuff Sack

Cost - \$57.99

#3

Tall Size Sleeping Bag

Size – 33” x 77”

Fill – 4.5 pounds Hollofil 808

Temperature Rating – For down to 25 degrees spring and late fall camping

Cover – Navy Cotton

Liner – Cotton Flannel Plaid

Storage – Compression Strap

Cost - \$47.00

#4

Full Size Sleeping Bag

Size – 33” x 75”

Fill – 3 pounds Thermo TechR

Temperature Rating – For down to 40 degrees, mild condition camping

Cover – Black Nylon

Liner – Solid Tricot

Storage – 2 Tie Cords

Cost - \$32.99

Sleeping Bags Intermediate 1999 State Contest Official Placing

Placing: 4-1-2-3

Cuts: 2-4-1

Upon analyzing this class, I placed this class of sleeping bags 4-1-2-3.

In the top pair I placed 4 over 1 in a fairly close placing. Both bags would be appropriate for Kristen to use at 4-H camp, state fair and for family camping trips. At \$32.99 the full size sleeping bag in 4 best fits into her budget and the full size bag would fit her for more years. Granted, the kid-sized mummy bag in 1 is slightly lighter in weight and would be easier to carry in the stuff sack.

In the middle pair, I placed 1 over 2 in a fairly easy placing. The kid-size mummy bag is lightweight and will be easy to carry in the stuff sack. It also just fits into her budget if she uses her summery activity money in addition to the funds her parents provided. Granted, the mummy bag in 2 would fit her for more years, but at this time is too expensive for Kristen.

In the bottom pair, I place 2 over 3 in a fairly close placing. The mummy bag in 2 would fit Kristen's needs for 4-H camp, state fair, and family camping. 2 is also the lightest bag in the class, and with the stuff sack would be the easiest for Kristen to carry. Granted, both bags are too expensive for Kirsten's budget.

I criticize 3 and leave it on the bottom of the class because at 4.5 pounds it is too heavy for a 10 year old to carry and the bag costs too much for Kirsten.

For the reasons given, I place this class of sleeping bags 4-1-2-3.

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