Essential gear/supplies for the self sufficient Bueller/camper:

Shelter:

- Groundcloth (cheap plastic stuff).
- Tent, waterproof with rainfly/vestibule (I like <u>REI</u>, <u>Kelty</u>, Sierra Designs, and of course Northface; just be sure to get one with enough room to stretch out without your head or toes touching the inclined tent walls).
- Mesh tent attic (provides visible convenient place to toss pocket-stuff, wallet, keys, flashlight...)
- Mosquito netting, cammo (for non-rain threatening non-frigid nights)
- Sleeping bag (extremely stuffable polyfil pack/mummy type) with stuff sack.
- Thermarest Camprest Deluxe mattress (absolute necessity!!!).

Camp/Packstuff:

- <u>Waterproof Stuff-Sack</u> (Outdoor Research Hydroseal Bag, yellow)
- Water resistant nylon stuff sack (for dirty laundry)
- Nylon woven line (for hoisting bear bags and as clothesline...).
- Bug repellent.
- First aid kit, emergency blanket.
- Wax/sawdust fire-starter sticks.
- Disposable lighters (2)
- Mini flashlight with headband holder
- Glowsticks, 1" mini sticks.
- Compass.
- Toilet paper.
- Terrycloth camp rags
- Spare heavy duty ziplock type freezer bags
- Spare batteries
- Fishnet hammock (optional depending on trip plans/season)
- Swiss Army knife (camper's version is good, not over appointed)
- Candle (emergency type, ~1" dia x 4" long)

Food/Cookstuff:

- Half pound of genuine smoked beef jerky from Osburn's market in Kilgore, TX.
- Trail mix (homemade with generous quantities of cashews).
- 5 lbs Uncle Ben's brown rice.
- Summer sausage, pepperoni or other hardy (no refrigeration necessary) meat-sausage.
- Salt, pepper, allspice, bullion cubes, garlic.
- Compact SS Cookset with spork and cup.
- Water bottle with belt loop for hiking.
- Miniature bottle of dish soap.

Bikerstuff:

Detailed State map(s) (laminated are preferred, otherwise store in ziplock bag)

- Complete Rand McNally Road Atlas
- Foam Earplugs
- Face shield cleaner
- Chamois rag (synthetic works fine)
- Rags (old t-shirt, terrycloth)
- Tool/parts kit (multiple nylon zipper bags packed inside tailbag in turn packed inside right side soft-saddlebag)
 - Socket wrenches: ¼" and ³/₈"
 - ½" bit-driver (also serves as extension for ½" socket wrench)
 - o Compact set of bits (hex, torx, Phillips, std slotted)
 - Swivel joints (¼" and ³/8" drive)
 - o Adapters ($\frac{1}{4}$ " to $\frac{3}{8}$ ", $\frac{3}{8}$ " to $\frac{1}{4}$ ")
 - 2 1/4" and 3/8" drive sockets as appropriate, 3/8" drive spark plug socket
 - o ⁷/₁₆" ½" open-end wrench
 - Hex key wrenches with ball socket ends (SAE and metric as required)
 - Adjustable wrenches, 6" and 12" (large enough grip for rear axle nut)
 - o Vice Grips, 6"
 - Gapping tool
 - Spare sparkplugs, fuses, tire plug/patch kit with CO₂ inflator.
 - o Air pump (ultra-compact telescopic hand type)
 - o Pressure gage
 - Anti-seize compound (high temperature)
 - Locktite (red and blue)
 - o Piece of baling wire
 - Tie wraps
 - o Digital multi-meter, pocket size
 - Half quart of oil (Mobil-1 preferred)
- Leatherman tool.
- Shock wrench/tool
- \$100 Detail and Wax (for prolonged tour to keep bike spruced up)

Luggage/Packstuff:

- Ventura Aerodynamic Bike Pack System with grab handle
- The BadWeB RAN list (thanks Don Casto!) and Buell dealer list.
- Buell M2 soft bags, tail bag (use tail bag as tool holder and liner for one softbag)
- Small waist/fanny pack (unless you enjoy sitting on your wallet all day)

Personals:

- Favorite CD's and Player (keep player in ziplock bag).
- Cell phone with extra battery (keep in ziplock bag).
- Cigarette lighter power socket with gator clips for direct connect to battery (radio shack sells 'em)
- A few good books (keep in ziplock bag).
- Camera/film (keep in ziplock bag)

- Flask fully charged with good quality tequila.
- A good pair of comfortable form fitting sunglasses.
- Hydration pack (for excessively hot rides; this saved me when crossing TX in 100F+ temperatures during summer of '97)
- Apparel (all clean clothes are kept in waterproof stuffsack):
 - Riding suit (2-piece waterproof) and boots (waterproof or with Gore-Tex liners/socks).
 - Armored riding gloves with rain-covers/mittens adequate for season (I also usually carry an extra lighter/heavier pair too or thermal liners)
 - Full face helmet with spare hardware (hinges/vents)
 - Cotton skull caps (saves my helmet lining from bald scalp grease attack)
 - Three pair acrylic socks (heavy, recommend Wigwam hiker brand; these are absolutely essential !!!)
 - o Two pair blue jeans
 - o One pair blue jean shorts (if summer, I often wear underneath riding pants)
 - Auxiliary jacket liner (recommend a goose-down vest, also can act as pillow) especially if cool weather or high altitude is possibility.
 - Two long sleeved T-Shirts (recommend Team Elves)
 - o Baseball cap (recommend Team Elves)
 - A trip's worth or week's worth (whichever is the lesser) of clean cotton undershirts and Jockey sports briefs (no seams between you and seat make a HUGE difference in comfort over long rides)
 - Neck liner (for cool weather)
 - Terrycloth elastic wrist bands (in warm weather to hold long sleeves at wristline)
- One raggedy beach towel.
- Sunblock (highly recommend Bullfrog brand; it's clear, quick, and non-greasy)
- Toiletries (toothbrush/paste, soap, deodorant, ear swabs, razor, nail clippers, comb)
- Medicine/First aid kit (aspirin, acetaminophen/Tylenol, ibuprofen/Nuprin, naproxin sodium/Aleve, triple antibiotic ointment with pain killer/Neosporin, bandaids, sterile gauze bandages, moleskin...)
- Needle and thread
- Foot/crotch powder (for prolonged trips, to keep the boys, the feet and the boots fresh; fungus sucks! Recommend Cruex mini aerosol can (it gives you a nice cool refreshing blast of powder, and yes it works on feet too).
- · Compact weather radio with fresh batteries