

Lumberjack Supplies: Barn Boss



As the barn boss, you will be working with the horses all day making sure they have plenty of food, and are ready to go when the workday starts at “Can See.” You will be moving in and out of the barn all day and cleaning up after the horses. Do you think one pair of socks will be enough? Being new, you will have the bunk furthest from the stove in the bunkhouse, so you will want to purchase another blanket.

—Clerk

Your job: Barn Boss

Your pay: \$20/month

Start Date: November 1, 1900

End Date: March 31, 1901

Camp supplies

Long underwear

\$2.00/undershirt

\$2.00/drawers

Wool socks

\$0.65/pair (cheap quality)

\$0.75/pair (best quality)

Cotton socks

\$0.25/pair (not as warm as wool)

Scotch cap

\$0.75/each

Wool shirt

\$2.00/each

Malone wool pants

\$2.75/pair

Horsehide mitts

\$1.00/pair

Wool Mackinaw jacket

\$4.25/each

Blanket

\$2.00/each

You brought the following items along to camp: 1 pair of cotton socks; 1 pair of old boots; 1 jacket; 1 pair of mitts; 1 pair of pants; 2 shirts; 1 stocking cap.

Looking at what you brought with you, and what your job is, the clerk suggests that you purchase at least two pairs of the cheap wool socks, a blanket, and long underwear. You can follow the clerk’s advice, add to his suggestions, or make your own selections. However, you need to purchase a minimum of three different items. **In the box on the next page write a paragraph explaining why you purchased the items you selected.**

Answers will vary. The items suggested by the clerk are shown below.

Item	Quantity	Calculation	Total
Wool socks, cheap quality	2 pairs	$\$0.65 \times 2$	\$1.30
Blanket	1	$\$2.00 \times 1$	\$2.00
Long underwear, undershirt	1	$\$2.00 \times 1$	\$2.00
Long underwear, drawers	1	$\$2.00 \times 1$	\$2.00

Monthly wage: **\$20.00** Total bill: **\$7.30** Money left (first month): **\$12.70**