First-Aid Basic Care

If you're headed outdoors, you should always carry either a prepackaged first-aid kit or a DIY kit that you can create using our list as a guide. Knowing how to use the items in a first-aid kit is as important as having them, so consider taking a training course.

Antiseptic wipes
Antibacterial ointment
Compound tincture of benzoin
Assorted adhesive bandages (fabric preferred)
Butterfly bandages / adhesive wound-closure strips
Gauze pads
Nonstick sterile pads
Medical adhesive tape
Blister treatment
Ibuprofen / other pain-relief medication
Insect sting relief treatment
Antihistamine to treat allergic reactions
Splinter (fine-point) tweezers
Safety pins
First-aid manual or information cards