Dear Non-Morning Backpacker,

You are now ready to eat breakfast and break camp OR, you have a quick cup of coffee/cocoa/tea and eat breakfast on the trail.

Morning departure: With experience you will learn how long it takes for you to break camp, so start noting that down. The faster you are at breaking camp, the more time you will have to spend exploring, backpacking, fishing, hunting, wildlife calving, etc.

Setting up tent:

1. Park your backpack, placing your food bag on top for easy access. (Seems like nothing fits in your backpack)
2. Perform personal tasks like brushing your teeth, and don't forget to allocate time for digging your cat's hole and cleaning your campsite.
3. Take your tent down and pack it away carefully. Make sure everything is packed away and nothing is left behind.
4. Brush any debris off your air mattress and then deflate it and put it in its stuff sack.
5. Boots go in the vestibule or if poor weather, put them in a bag at the bottom of the tent.
6. Place tooth brush, tooth paste, breakfast meal, and on-trail lunch in top of your food bag and then put the rest of the food in the lower compartment of your food bag.
7. Purify/sanitize water and fill bottle(s) for next day.
8. Place all storage bags for tent pegs, air mattress, tent bag, sleeping bag, etc. into one of the bags.

Get feedback from others on the night before departure:

1. Ask the person sitting next to you if they have any questions about the trip plan or if you can improve on your packing.
2. Discuss any concerns or problems that you have encountered while backpacking.
3. Share any tips or tricks you have found helpful.
4. Be sure to get feedback from the person sitting next to you about their experience on the trip.

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