

Pack with Your Child

Packing with your child is a great way to build excitement about camp and also a great way to talk through any worries or anxieties your child may have about their time away at camp. In addition, it gives you the opportunity to make sure they pack everything they need to bring, and leave at home the items that should stay at home. It also helps the child to know where in their bag or suitcase all of their items are located. Send a checklist for your child to help them on Saturday morning. Pack the checklist in your child's luggage and instruct them to use it when they pack up to come home. This will help your child leave with everything they came with.

What to Pack Your Stuff In

Pack your items in something that you can carry a short distance from the parking area to the cabins. A duffel bag, suitcase, or footlocker is fine. Please keep in mind that the swim test is one of the first events your child will do. It's a great idea to pack a swimsuit and beach towel in a separate bag for easy access early on so they can change for the swim-test without disturbing the rest of their items. Pillows, bedding, and sleeping bags do great in large plastic trash bags (make sure you put a label on the trash bag so that we know who it belongs to).

Label Everything You Can

Put your child's first and last name on everything you can using a permanent marker. Be sure to label your child's luggage. If your child loses something (and they usually do) it will turn up in Lost and Found. Having a name on the item makes it much simpler to return. On Saturday when you pick your child up, make sure you look through the unclaimed Lost and Found items from that week on the Canteen Porch.

Medications

All medications (prescription, non-prescription and over-the-counter) remain with and are dispensed by Camp Manatawny Nurse Staff. Please pack ALL camper medications separately from your luggage so that you will be able to turn them in to the nurse at registration. All medications must stay in their prescription container.

Packing Guidelines

Pack clothing that is comfortable in hot weather, suitable for outdoor games, and can get wet and/or dirty without being ruined. Shorts for both boys and girls must be mid-thigh or longer and should be neither so baggy nor so tight as to be immodestly revealing; midribs and underwear must not be exposed. Spandex shorts are not permitted to be worn under short shorts or alone; if they are worn, it is to be under mid-thigh length shorts. No inappropriate messaging on clothing. No messaging of any kind on the seat of any piece of clothing. No yoga pants.

No skirts or dresses during athletic activities or events. No miniskirts at any time. Shirts that expose the midriff or tank tops are not permitted for boys or girls. No camisole tops or spaghetti straps on tops or dresses, no strapless tops. Boys and girls shirts should neither be too baggy or so tight as to be immodestly revealing. Footwear and some form of body cover up must be worn to and from the pool. No towel wrapping. Sneakers must be worn during athletic events. It is recommended to bring an old pair of shoes along with normal walking shoes for muddy activities. We reserve the right to ask campers to change improper clothing.

What to Pack:

- Raincoat/Poncho
- Sleepwear / Pajamas
- Underwear and Socks for a week
- Several Short Sleeve Shirts
- Several Pairs of Shorts
- One Pair of long pants/jeans
- One lightweight long sleeve shirt or sweatshirt
- Swimsuit (one piece)
- Two pairs of shoes (one will get wet during our Creek Walk)
- Sandals or Flip flops for the bathhouse
- Toiletries Bag (for trips to the bathhouse)
- Toothbrush and Toothpaste
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Soap in a container
- Bath Towels & Washcloths
- Beach Towel for the pool
- Deodorant
- Other Items
- Bible
- Bedding – Sleeping Bag or sheets and blanket
- Pillow and Pillowcase
- Laundry Bag for Dirty Clothes
- Flashlight w/extra Batteries
- Sunscreen
- Insect Repellent

Optional Items:

- Hat & Sunglasses
- Camera
- Water Bottle
- Favorite Stuffed Animal
- Paper, pen, pencil, stamps, pre - addressed envelopes

Items not to Bring:

- Campers are not permitted to have cell phones, mp3 players, gaming devices, radios, or any other electronic device.
- Campers do not need to have money. The canteen has already been paid for during registration.
- Do not pack food as this will only bring unwanted critters into the cabins.
- Anything which would result in tremendous unhappiness if it were lost, broken or dirty.
- Knives or anything that could be construed as a weapon.