

Packing List

Packing Instructions

Things you should bring to camp...

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| ☐ Sleeping bag or sheets & blanket (twin size) | ☐ Water bottle |
| ☐ Pillow | ☐ Flashlight |
| ☐ Sleepwear | ☐ Insect repellent |
| ☐ Shampoo | ☐ Tennis shoes (more than one pair) |
| ☐ Soap | ☐ Flip flops or water shoes |
| ☐ Toothbrush & toothpaste | ☐ Socks |
| ☐ Bath towel | ☐ Under clothing |
| ☐ Hand towel | ☐ Shorts and t-shirts |
| ☐ Beach towel | ☐ Long pants |
| ☐ Swimming suit (girls—modest 2-piece suit, 1-piece suit, or tankini) | ☐ Rain gear |
| ☐ Sunscreen | ☐ Sweatshirt or jacket |
| | ☐ Bible (preferably not new) |

Things you should **NOT** bring to camp...cell phones, gum, candy, fishing gear, knives, matches, fireworks, lighters, electronics, any expensive items, or weapons of any kind.

You do **NOT** need to send any extra spending money with your child. The camp registration fee (which you already paid) covers all food, snacks, camp t-shirt, arts and crafts, postcards or stamps, and any incidental items.

A note on cell phones:

At Camp Bird, we strive to create a space where campers can hear God's word and build deep friendships without the noise of the digital world. To protect this environment, we have a strict **No Cell Phone/No Electronics** policy.

Why We Go Unplugged

- **The Gift of Independence:** Research shows that when a child "retreats" to a device during a minor struggle, they miss the opportunity to develop social skills and self-reliance. We want them to look to their peers and counselors for support, growing stronger in the process.
- **Privacy & Digital Safety:** To ensure the privacy of every child, we do not allow internet-connected devices. We want Camp Bird to be a place where kids feel free to be

goofy and try new things without the pressure of being recorded or the risk of private moments being shared online.

- **Synchronous Connection:** We want our campers talking to each other, not scrolling in silence.

Our Solution for Memories

We know campers want to capture the fun! We highly encourage **disposable (one-time-use) cameras**. They are a fun, retro way to save memories without the risks of a smartphone. (Please label them with your child's name!) Our staff will also be taking official photos throughout the week and sharing highlights on our social media pages so you can see the magic happening from home.

The Policy

Please do not allow your camper to "hide" a phone in their luggage. If a phone is found, it will be kept securely in the camp office and returned to you at pick-up.

If there is an emergency at home, you can reach our office at **(920) 934-9631**. If your child needs you, our directors will facilitate a call immediately. Thank you for partnering with us to keep Camp Bird a safe, focused, and truly present community.