

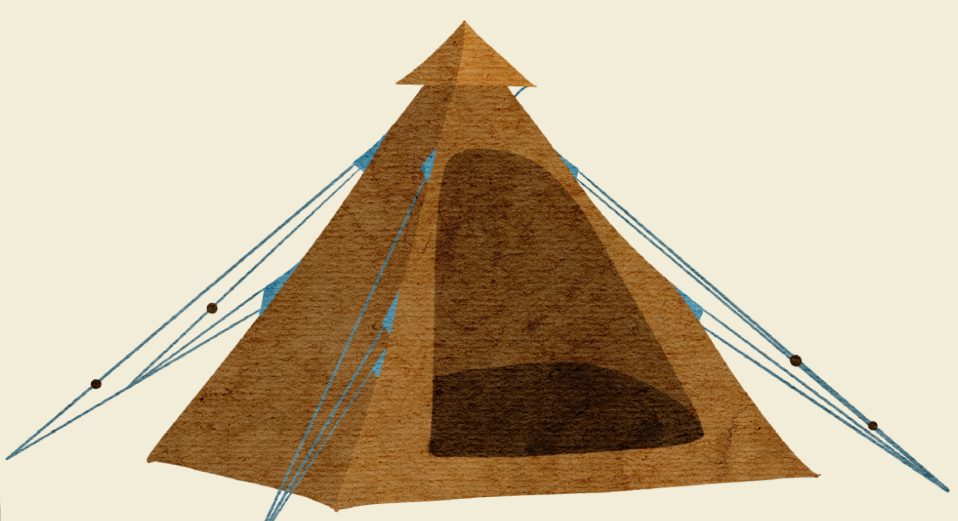


PACKING LIST

overnight camp
packing tips & tricks edition

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT PACKING

- **WHAT IS THE WEATHER TYPICALLY LIKE?**
 - Weather in the NE corner of the Lower Peninsula of Michigan can vary from hot and sunny to cool and rainy. Think **layers**. Even in the peak summer months, mornings and evenings can be chilly. It's common for the day to start out in the 50's – 60's and then heat up to the 80's during the afternoon. It's normal for it to shower during the early afternoon, and usually coincides with rest hour. Still, a rain jacket is a must!
- **WHAT SHOULD WE PACK IN? WHY DO WE NEED A LAUNDRY BAG?**
 - Trunks or suitcases work best for clothing, and duffel bags for linens. Campers live out of their trunks and most prefer the traditional hard trunk. However soft trunks and plastic bins ones work just fine. Duffel bags can be stored under their beds. It is helpful to pack with your camper so they know what they are bringing and where it is. Laundry bags make it easy for campers to sort clean and dirty clothes.
- **WHY IS A SHOWER CADDY ON THE LIST?**
 - Showers aren't located in the camper's cabin. Cabins are scheduled a shower time and it is easiest to have something to carry all your toiletries in. Shower caddies or travel toiletry bags work well for this.
- **WHAT ARE THE BEST SHOES TO PACK?**
 - Campers and staff typically bring sandals (like Tevas or Chacos), crocs, and tennis shoes. Some activities require closed-toe shoes and all sandals must have a strap that goes around the heel. Flip flops are good shower shoes but are not allowed outside of the showers.
- **WHAT PERSONAL ITEMS SHOULD CAMPERS BRING FOR THEIR FREE TIME?**
 - Campers typically bring a book or journal and friendship bracelet string. Campers can also get friendship bracelet string from the craft cabin and books are available in Fletcher Hall. A deck of cards is also a fun way for campers to spend their free time with bunkmates.
- **BACKPACKS? WATER BOTTLES? WATCHES? OH MY!**
 - Older campers typically carry around a backpack. Campers also like to have watches so they don't have to ask counselors what time it is. Almost every camper brings a reusable water bottle that they decorate with stickers.
- **HOW SHOULD WE PACK MEDICATIONS?**
 - Medications need to be in the original container. Please place all medications in a zip-lock bag labeled with the campers name. We strongly encourage you to include all the medications your camper regularly takes at home. This consistency will help your camper be successful at camp.
- **CAN I DROP OFF OR SEND CARE PACKAGES OR LETTERS?**
 - Mail is important to you and your camper. Write soon, often, and cheerfully. Keeping your tone happy and encouraging is very important to your child's happiness at camp. For example, instead of saying, "We miss you so much!" say, "I bet you're having the best time!"
 - The Camp Chickagami Post Office will be available on registration day. Instead of mailing your camper's care packages and other mail and risking they arrive after the session is over, we invite you to deliver your packages to the Camp Chickagami Post Office on registration day. We will deliver the package to your child on the day of your choice. **Do not send snacks, candy or gum** with your campers. Critters love the snacks more than the kids do!
 - We ask you to make a donation to the Camp Chickagami scholarship fund in lieu of postage. Suggested Donation: \$1 – Letter; \$5 – Package; or \$25 Unlimited letters and packages
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