

# Packing List and Packing Tips

Packing for camp is the start of your child's independent camp experience. Please have your child participate in packing for camp so that they know where to find their clothing and other items. Campers who don't participate in packing often don't know what they have or where to find things at camp, which makes it harder to get acclimated to camp and to keep track of belongings

**Tip 1: Label:** Please label all items (even underwear and socks). We are not responsible for any lost items though we will do our best to help campers keep track of their personal items. First name with first letter of last name, last name only, or if you have to, initials. If using initials, use first, middle, and last. See Lost and Found policies.

**Tip 2: Bags:** Use whatever containers or baggage you have to transport luggage so long as it can be neatly organized, labelled and kept track of.

- Be sure bags are easy to carry and strong enough not to tear. We suggest duffel bags or backpacks for packing.
- Try to pack all bedding neatly into one bag and leave clothing and personal items in the other bag.

**Tip 3: Pre-Inspection:** You may include a checklist of packed items, or list items you wish to be returned home.

- Inspect all items to be sure they are labelled and count to make sure you've sent enough of each.
- Inspect for tears, stains, and items that aren't allowed or are not needed at camp.
- Bedbugs** can happen to anyone no matter how clean or organized you are! They are "hitchhiker bugs" and WMC works very hard to inspect for and prevent bedbugs at our facilities. Help us make camp safe for all guests.
  - Make sure you don't have any stowaways.
  - Check your campers clothes, bags, shoes, linens, sleeping bag and so on for bed bugs or lice. See our bed bug policies for tips on preventing and treating bed bugs.

**Tip 4: Clothing:** A good rule of thumb is to avoid clothing that would not pass a school inspection.

Camp gets messy. Bring at least one outfit that can get dirty and stained. We recommend that you do not send new clothing for your camper.

## Tip 5: Bedwetting

Our staff know that bedwetting can happen and are taught to be discreet in such cases. Staff ensure that the camper's sheets are washed while the campers are out of the cabin. If you anticipate a case of bedwetting, please pack one extra set of sheets, protective underwear or extra clothes as needed, and let the counselor know that bedwetting may occur.

## Tip 5: What NOT to Bring

Any prohibited items not immediately checked in or confiscated, WMC is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen items. For the sake of fairness and consistency, staff may confiscate and properly check-in and store items that were missed during check-in to be returned during check-out.

**Tip 6: Camp Store:** Campers may bring money to use in the camp store for daily treats. \$10 to \$15 is usually a sufficient amount for the week for food. They can bring more if they'd like to buy t-shirts or camp merchandise. All money is to be turned in with registration. Campers use the checked-in money as credit at the store. All left-over money will be returned to the parent/guardian at the end of the camping session. The camp store is stocked with T-shirts, a few toiletry items, pop, fruit juice, snacks, and other camp items. Sams Cola and healthy granola bars may be available for campers unable to provide funds for camp store.

## Lost and Found

Unclaimed items will be presented on the Lost and Found table as part of check out. Campers and Parents will have a chance to look through the items to claim anything that belongs to them. Leftover items after check-out will be collected and stored in the camp office. Clothing items will be washed. All items will be held for thirty days at which point they will be considered donations to the camp and absorbed into camp supplies, disposed of, or donated to someone who can use them. WMC will make efforts to notify parents of lost items that were found. The office manager will send an email with a list of lost items with no descriptions. The person who thinks they lost something can contact the camp and describe the item. Camp will mail back the item if pickup is not possible. Depending on the item, the Camper's family may be responsible for printing a package slip and paying shipping costs. If items are clearly labelled we will contact the camper's family regarding their lost and found the week following the previous camp session.

# YOUTH CAMPS: ESSENTIAL CAMP PACKING LIST

## MUST BRING:

Check off the list as you pack.

- Masks: Proper facemasks to protect against spread of Covid-19. Recommend minimum of 3 masks. Camp can provide masks as needed. (See our Covid Policies for more info)
- Bedding: Sleeping bag or bedding for a twin bed, i.e. bottom fitted sheet, top sheet & blanket/ comforter.
- Pillow & pillowcase
- 2 Towels: for showers and one for swimming
- Toilet Articles – Toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, deodorant, comb, brush, sanitary pads
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray (non-aerosol if possible, as its damaging to cabins and nature)
- Water bottle (WMC provides one, and campers are welcome to bring their own).
- Clothes: Enough for each day and extras
- Medications: bubble packs (see our full medications policies)
- Shorts
- T-shirts
- Underwear
- Socks
- Pajamas
- Pants or jeans (in case it gets cool)
- Jacket or sweatshirt
- Swimsuit
- Closed-toed sturdy walking shoes for hiking & camp activities (ie. tennis or running shoes)
- Water shoes for lake use - MUST HAVE! (Inexpensive ones or extra pair of old shoes meant to wear in the lake that week)
- White T-shirt or bandana to tie-dye (some camps offer this craft)
- Notebook
- Pen or pencil
- positive attitude

## OPTIONAL ITEMS

- Bible, We have extras.
- Talent Show stuff for some camps.
- Sandals with a strap to secure sandal to feet
- Shower shoes (flip flops) for pool & cabin use
- Rain Gear – poncho or raincoat or umbrella
- Flashlight or headlamp
- Outfit for “fancy” dinner or dances
- Dark clothes for night games
- Small backpack or bookbag
- Musical Instrument - Guitar, flute, etc
- Sketch pad or journal
- Comics or Books for reading
- Address list of friends and relatives to write to
- Favorite stuffed animal or photos from home
- Sports equipment (with your name on it!)
- Deck of cards or non electric games
- Fishing gear and bait
- Inexpensive or disposable camera
- food (unless you are okay with sharing)

## PROHIBITED: DO NOT BRING:

- Ø clothes that advertise cigarettes, alcohol, sex or drugs
- Ø Drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products
- Ø Weapons of any kind. This includes knives, guns, or explosives, airsoft guns etc.
- Ø Fireworks and matches
- Ø Expensive items that you do not want lost or broken.
- Ø Explicit or offensive materials
- Ø Expensive valuables/jewelry
- Ø Unorganized or unidentified meds
- Ø Electronics (see electronics policy),
  - Cell Phones (regardless if they are active or not)
  - Smart Phones (with or without a SIM card)
- iPod and MP3 players with screens or capability to connect to internet
- iPads, tablets, Laptops and Netbooks
- Gaming consoles or Handheld Electronic Gaming Systems of any brand: Nintendo DS, Switch, PSP,
- Digital Cameras
- Any device capable of connecting to a cellular or wifi network.