

Dear parent,

This is a brief explanation of how to choose What-To-Pack for camp.

IMPORTANT: Mark your child's full name on every item.

Everyday Clothing: Most activities are very active and take place out-of-doors. Do not send fancy or new clothing. Comfortable fitting clothing that may get a little dirty is the best clothing to wear. Because of the amount of climbing and walking in the woods, shoes should be well fitting. You should not need to purchase any clothing for camp. Typical school dress codes are maintained at camp. ***Sandals and shorts are not allowed for any outdoor activities.***

Dormitory Items: The camp provides comfortable beds in heated dormitories. Your child needs to bring their own sleep gear (sheets, pillow, sleeping bag, etc.) and toiletries (towels, soap, toothpaste, tooth brush, etc.) Regular showers are taken to ensure proper hygiene.

Miscellaneous Items: There are many items that will enrich your child's experience, although none of them are essential. A drawing pad, letter paper and envelopes, camera and film, etc. will help your child remember the experience. A book to read may be helpful to fill some quiet moments.

Spending Money: The camp operates a small store where students may purchase stamps, postcards, combs, tooth brushes, etc. or souvenirs, such as T-shirts, Teddy Bears, key chains, etc. \$2 to \$10 is the recommended amount, but it is not required that your child bring any money. All money is deposited in each student's account on Monday. The unused portion is returned to the student on Friday.

Do Not Bring Items: The What-To-Pack list, above, includes items that should not come to camp. We have carefully considered our reasons for asking students to not bring these items. We appreciate your support on this in order that we can maintain the high quality experience your child will have.

Luggage: This should be limited to one container (suitcase, duffle bag, gym bag, sturdy garbage bag) for their clothing and toiletries and a water proof container for their bedroll or sleeping bag and their pillow.

Rainy Day Clothing: It is essential that each child be prepared for damp days at Clear Lake Camp. Many of the activities take place in the out-of-doors, even if it rains. Water-resistant outer clothing, hats, and footwear will help keep your child comfortable.

Cold Weather Clothing: Each child should bring adequate clothing for cold days. During the week, the weather can change significantly. Outdoor activities are usually not canceled on cold days. Warm clothing, such as long sleeve shirts, sweatshirts, and knit hats, will allow your child to participate comfortably. We encourage you to have your child watch the TV weather forecast for the week at camp prior to beginning to pack.

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WHAT-TO-PACK CHECK LIST FOR SCHOOL CAMP

Dear Camper,

This list will help you to remember what to take to Clear lake Camp and what to bring home. Use the list to check off your belongings as you pack them at home. Bring this list with you to camp to check off these articles when you pack to go home.

BASIC CLOTHING

- _____ jacket or sweatshirt
- _____ jeans or sweats
- _____ shoes (with laces)
- _____ underwear
- _____ socks (over the ankle)
- _____ t-shirts (no sleeveless)
- _____ long sleeve shirt

SLEEP TIME

- _____ sheets & blanket or
- _____ sleeping bag
- _____ pillow & pillow case
- _____ extra blanket
- _____ sleepwear
- _____ stuffed animal (optional)
- _____ slippers or indoor footwear

TOILETRIES

- _____ towel & facecloth
- _____ soap & shampoo
- _____ comb/hairbrush
- _____ toothbrush, toothpaste
- _____ Chapstick
- _____ Kleenex/handkerchiefs
- _____ insect repellent lotion

SEASONAL FALL/SPRING

- _____ rain coat/poncho
- _____ waterproof footwear
- _____ hat (for sun protection)

SEASONAL WINTER

- _____ winter coat
- _____ winter boots
- _____ winter hat
- _____ mittens/gloves
- _____ heavy sweater
- _____ wool socks
- _____ long underwear
- _____ ski pants

OPTIONAL

- _____ robe
- _____ reading material
- _____ quiet game/cards
- _____ disposable camera
- _____ writing material
- _____ store money in an envelope
- _____ hair dryer
- _____ water bottle

DO NOT BRING

Shorts and sandals are not allowed for any outdoor activities - Flashlights - Candy, soda, gum, or food - Knives or other weapons - Radios - Cell phones – MP3 players - Matches or lighters - Watches - Jewelry - Electronic games - Curling irons - Aerosol cans – Other valuables

BE SURE ALL ITEMS ARE MARKED WITH YOUR FULL NAME