

YMCA Camp Greenville

Summer Camp Packing List



Below is a list of clothing and personal items that we recommend you send to camp. It is lengthy but please go through it in detail as we have added explanations based on the most frequently asked questions.

- ❖ At Camp Greenville we desire for all campers to “be themselves”. We have seen that campers choose to express via clothing, cabin bunk decor, or pins on a backpack. We simply remind you that you are at camp to participate in a culture of unity not division. So we ask that you choose all of the items you have with you at camp under that lens. Having said that, clothing and items must be free of
 - Any specific politicians and campaign slogans and imagery.
 - Text or images that discriminate against federally protected classes (race, color, religion, sexual orientation, gender, age, or disability).
 - Depictions/implications of explicit or illegal material (sexual acts, promotion of violence, or controlled substances).
 - While we respect the rights of the individual to express themselves through their attire choice, the camp administration reserves the right to restrict items that might offend others or promote things that are inconsistent with camps core values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility.
 - If you have questions, just ask. Otherwise, be you! .
- ❖ Pack enough items to dress for a week and a half as campers may need multiple outfits a day if they get dirty or wet.
- ❖ Laundry service is included in your fee if your camper is participating in stayover or a multi week session.
- ❖ Take into consideration the climate/environment of camp and the variety of activities your camper may participate in.
- ❖ We strongly recommend sending old clothes and that campers can easily recognize as theirs.
- ❖ Label all clothing with “iron on” or “sew in” nametags or write their names on the label of the clothing with a permanent laundry pen. This will help with lost and found.

PACKING LIST RECOMMENDATIONS (all campers)

CAMPER LUGGAGE

Campers may bring their clothing & equipment in trunks, suitcases, backpacks and/or duffel bags. Be sure items are clearly marked with your camper's name and session.

CLOTHING***

Short sleeve shirts	Light Jacket, fleece, sweater	Bandanas (optional)
Long sleeve shirts	Underwear	Poncho, raincoat/gear
Shorts	Socks	Tennis shoes (x 2 if able!)*
Swim suit (x 2 if able)**	Pajamas/sleeping clothes	Sports/water sandals*
Long Pants#	Hat/Sunglasses	

***Clothing needs to allow safe and comfortable participation in any moment and be appropriate for an outdoor active setting. Clothing must meet the demands of the activity and provide full coverage of private areas with minimal need for adjustment.

**Swim wear must be athletic style (no string fasteners) and functional for an active waterfront setting. Should be sturdy and firmly attached without fear of parts breaking or falling down. Will provide full coverage of private areas and can move without fear of body parts being exposed.

#For long pants we recommend lightweight material, nylon or sweatpants/legging style if possible. Jeans, khakis, corduroys are not the most effective for an outdoor setting

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*Shoes with a back strap must be worn out of the cabin. Most activities require close toed shoes. Sandals/water shoes (with back strap) can be used for boating. Flip flops are only allowed at waterfront or showers. Crocs are considered water sandal category.

PERSONAL ITEMS

Shower towels/washcloth (x 2)	Pillow and pillow case	Water bottle
Shampoo and body wash/soap in case	Twin size sheet set and blanket	Flashlight/headlamp/batteries
Toothbrush and paste^	Sleeping Bag/ Blankets	Sunscreen
Deodorant	Laundry bag for dirty clothes (mesh or fabric)	Bug spray
Toiletry case	Swim towel (x 2 if able)	Feminine hygiene products
Hair brush/Comb	Medication (MUST be in original container)	Small backpack for daily items

^we do stock basic toiletries (travel size) in the camp store that will be available to purchase if needed

OPTIONAL ITEMS

Bunk fan (battery operated preferred)	Word games (crosswords, etc.)	Camera
Playing cards	Journal and pen/pencil	Books/other reading materials
Stamped, self-addressed envelopes	Swim goggle	Hammock
Items for tie dying (t-shirt, pillow case, socks, etc)		

Since YMCA Camp Greenville is unable to assume responsibility for loss and/or damages to the personal property of campers, please use careful consideration of what you send to camp. Every attempt is made to return lost items but is never guaranteed while at camp so labeling items is a huge help.

ITEMS TO NOT BRING TO CAMP

Weapons of any kind: Knives, firearms, bows and arrows etc

Electronic Devices: iPod, MP3 Players, Cell Phones, Video Games, any other personal entertainment device

- Camp focuses on allowing children the experience of our amazing natural setting free of distractions brought by electronics. The one exception is digital cameras that are not phones or mp3 players.

Fireworks, matches/lighters or any hazardous materials

Alcohol or tobacco in any form (this includes vapes, juuls, or chewing tobacco)

If food, candy or snacks are brought please put in sealable plastic Tupperware and keep to a minimum. Please don't send gum

Skateboard/scooters

Non-prescription (illegal) drugs, drug paraphernalia

Jewelry/Valuables/Expensive Clothing

Cash (unless bringing for adventure trips)

Anything that you or the camper would be upset if it became: scratched, stained, battered, broken, lost or unrecognizable

Live pets must stay home, but a small plush stuffed animal is great.

Items brought to camp should ultimately reflect and be used in a manner that aligns with our core values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility

LOST AND FOUND

Due to the structure of check out day, there will NOT be a lost and found area during pick up. You may call the office and if we locate the item we can mail it to you for a shipping fee. Items remaining in lost and found after check out day for 48 hours but then will be donated to a charity organization.

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ADVENTURE PACKING LIST ADDITIONS

We have also made a video to outline some of the items that may be new or confusing to you. [CLICK HERE](#) to view!

Hiking boots/Shoes*	Extra Pair of close toed shoes	Socks (wool, nylon, synthetic)
Small bag (50-60L Pack or duffel bag)**	Day pack/Backpack**	Water bottle(s) x 2
Flashlight/batteries (headlamps are best)	Garbage bags (x 2 for wet/muddy items)	Layers: synthetic material is best
Sleeping Bag: synthetic w/ compressible stuff sack	Sleeping Pad	Hammock with a small tarp

*Hiking Boots: Campers spend a lot of time on their feet but we do not do the kind of extreme hiking that would require a full leather boot. As long as campers have strong, durable, sturdy shoes they will be fine. Make sure the shoes have laces that can be tied all the way up the tongue of the shoe.

Note: Shoes should be worn in before arrival. Also, expect shoes to be dirty and scuffed by trips end.

**Backpack: Campers have 2 options

1. A duffel bag: allows for stuffing and compressing gear to fit on the bus easily
2. A 50-60 L backpack, has enough space to contain everything while being mobile and fitting on ones back.

Here is a link with an example but feel free to pick your own

<https://www.amazon.com/Loowoko-Hiking-Backpack-Travel-Camping/dp/B07BT19B57>

In addition to both options, bring a day pack/ book bag for essential items to be used and accessible throughout the day.

***Sleeping Bag: bring a sleeping bag with a minimum temperature rating of 40 degrees, as it gets cooler at night in the mountains. It should also have a stuff sack with ability to compress to help with space in luggage.

Here is a link with an example but feel free to pick your own:

https://www.amazon.com/HiHiker-Camping-Sleeping-Compact-Compression/dp/B07LC666CL/ref=sr_1_14?dchild=1&keywords=outdoor+sleeping+bag+with+compression+sack&qid=1620331255&sr=8-14

ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES LIST

In addition to the general adventure additions, please see below for helpful trip specific items to add depending on the trip you will be participating in.

CAVING

Clothes that can get muddy
Long Pants

WHITEWATER (D3 AND D4)

"dry bag" for belongings (optional)
Water shoes or close toed sandals

CANOEING

"dry bag" for belongings (optional)
Water shoes or close toed sandals
50+ sunscreen due to lake sun exposure

MONKS/OUTBACK

Long Pants
Water shoes or close toed sandals
"dry bag" for belongings (optional)

MOUNTAIN BIKE/CLIMB

Campers can bring their personal bike and check it in on arrival otherwise bikes and helmet are provided by camp