



Summer Packing List

(not for Falcon Outdoor Leadership Campers)

Over the years, much care has gone into compiling and editing this list. Yes, campers really do need ALL this stuff! For example, even though many kids don't think raincoats are "cool" and might resist packing one, there will be times that everyone is glad they brought one. Laundry normally goes out Wednesday and returns Friday, hence 10 sets of clothing. All clothing except banquet outfit should be able to withstand a commercial washer and dryer. Please label EVERY item with camper's name, even socks and shampoo bottles. Click here for assistance with labeling.

- 10 tee shirts
- 10 underwear
- 2 light pajamas
- 2 heavy pajamas
- 4 jeans/long pants
- 3 swimming suits
- 12 pair socks
- 2 pair sneakers
- 1 pair of flip-flops or sandals (*not* platform)
- Sturdy shoes/boots for hikes (1 pair of sneakers can double for these if sturdy enough for hiking)
- 5 pair shorts

- 2 sweaters/sweatshirts/fleece tops
- 1 additional pair of shoes that can get wet, such as water-socks, old sneakers or sandals for stream walks/canoeing
- 1 jacket or windbreaker
- Raincoat or rain poncho with hood*
- 1 cool long sleeve shirt (great for mosquitoes)
- Folk dance clothes
 - Girls: blouse and skirt or dress
 - Boys: nice shirt and slacks
- Pillow
- 2 blankets and 2 sets of sheets/pillowcases
- Stuffed animal, etc.
- Set of expendable clothes (for messy activities)
- Sleeping bag **
- 3-4 bath/beach towels
- 2 washcloths
- Laundry bag (we provide one, but they need a total of two)
- Tissues or hankies
- Toiletries: soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, brush/comb, lip balm, deodorant if camper uses it
- Stationery/stamps/pre-addressed envelopes (send plenty of stamps!)
- Flashlight and at least one extra set of batteries for it
- Sunscreen
- Bug repellent

- Water bottle (1 qt or liter, non-leaking; Nalgene bottles are great – this item is essential!)
- Day pack for hikes
- Baseball or sun hat (required!)
- Reading material (see back)

OPTIONAL

- Musical instruments/ music
- Sketch pads/ pencils
- Inexpensive camera/ film (disposable cameras are great; many campers use several during their stay; mark with name! **NOTE: we will not be selling these at camp this summer, so send plenty if your child likes to take photos.**)
- Journal/ diary
- Baseball mitt (we have many)
- Tennis racket
- Medications/vitamins (with written instructions)
- Foam pad for sleeping bag
- Hair ties for those with long hair, especially when swimming

We do not allow campers to bring their own pocketknives. They are provided if needed for classes.

*Only downpours keep us inside. Campers must be prepared for rain! Also, light wool or poly fleece is much warmer than wet cotton.

**Sleeping bags are only for overnights. A bag that can be unzipped and used as a blanket can serve as a substitute for one blanket.

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Campers flying to camp may borrow bedding and a pillow.

Full or 2nd Session Campers should bring Closing Banquet Clothes: A party dress for girls and a **dress shirt, tie and slacks for boys** (who have been slipping badly). This is a **dress-up occasion**. You may pack these clothes with other camp clothes or deliver them on Parent's Weekend.

Personal Items and Contraband

As one of our goals at camp is to live simply and transcend some of the everyday distractions and intrusions of contemporary life, we ask that some items that may be part of campers' lives at home or school not be brought to camp. These include cell phones, ipods, electronic games or devices of all types; weapons (including pocket knives), fireworks, distracting games, fads or crazes, magazines or books that we feel are not healthy for children (e.g., glamour or gun magazines; violent, cynical, or sexual comics or magazines; supermarket tabloids; some gaming magazines; provocative posters, magazines, or calendars, etc.). Our wonderful brass bell governs time at Glen Brook; campers may not have watches, clocks, or alarms.

Do not pack food or candy! We do not allow campers to bring food, nor do we allow you to send it. If they receive packages of food in the mail, it will be returned at parent's expense. Please inform well-meaning relatives and friends to send things **other** than food. Care package ideas include: books, puzzles, decks of cards, games, yo-yos, tee shirts, small craft kits such as Klutz, magic tricks, sticker books, stationary and stamps, disposable cameras, and art supplies.

Note: we are discontinuing our incidental deposit/office "mini store" and will not offer items for sale this year. We *will* provide campers with any necessity they lose at no charge, such as a toothbrush or sunscreen. We want them to have what they need and to be comfortable! But we will not have "extras" on sale any longer, so be sure to pack very carefully. You are welcome to send more stamps, disposable cameras or other extras in packages.

Inspection Policy

While we are very conscious of and respect personal privacy, for health and safety reasons, we reserve the right for the director, or persons he designates, to inspect all camper's belongings including all packages sent to camp. Campers must unpack all of their belongings at arrival and open any packages in the presence of their counselor or designated staff.

Clothing Standards

Any graphics or messages on clothing must be tasteful and responsible. Alcohol or tobacco ads, double entendre, offensive, macabre or violent pictures and messages are unacceptable here.

We ask that clothing and appearance in general is moderate in style and cut realizing that this is summer camp, not school. While we very much support openness, an acceptance & celebration of a healthy body image, and a freedom of self-expression, we have found that certain deliberately provocative styles have been creeping into camp clothing especially of some of the older girls. We are not getting out our rulers, but we ask that shorts not be too short, hip-huggers not too low, or necklines too extreme. Swimwear is by its very nature revealing, but we do again ask that extremes be avoided.

While we have a "Camp Mom" to help police this, we ask the parents and camper to self-select clothing that will be camp friendly. It is easier if these items don't get packed in the first place. If you have questions, please contact us.

ALL articles, including the often-forgotten clothing worn on the ride to camp, must be **plainly and securely marked with the camper's name in wash-proof form. Remember to mark sneakers, underwear, sleeping bags, towels, jackets, flashlights, packs, disposable cameras, water bottles, each and every sock, etc.** One company we've used for iron-on labels is Gilbin's (www.gilbin.com). They easily iron on to just about everything. No matter how much we stress the importance of labeling, there are still many items that get lost or left every year because they didn't get labeled. So, get out that Sharpie pen!

Valuables that must be brought to camp, such as passports, plane tickets, travel money, etc. are to be checked with the director for safekeeping until departure. Campers may not have cash or valuables in their bunks. In light of our active outdoors program, expensive or precious clothing, jewelry, or other valuable items should stay safely at home.

We will try our best to help keep track of the estimated 10,000 personal items in camp at any time, but we cannot be responsible for losses or damages.

HAPPY PACKING!!