

# Resident Camp Staff Packing List

This should give you a pretty good idea of what you need to bring to camp in terms of clothing/gear/etc. Everything that is listed below is what returning staff have chosen to emphasize for a summer at camp! With limited space at camp, knowing you will end up wearing a lot of the same things (i.e. backpacking for days at a time), and with the option to do laundry roughly 2-3 times a month, there is no need to bring everything you own.



## WEATHER

Colorado weather varies immensely and ranges from 70-80 degrees in the daytime and drops to 25-40 degrees at night. The sun can be hot and we often experience daily rain showers in the afternoon, so keep those things in mind when packing.

## CLOTHING

- T-Shirts - Mix of athletic/synthetic shirts and a few cotton shirts
  - NOTE: Campers are not allowed to wear tank tops or crop tops, so neither can we. You can certainly bring a few to wear on days off if you would like.
- Shorts and Pants - Athletic shorts, hiking pants, sweatpants, leggings, a pair of jeans, etc.
- Long sleeves/light jacket/flannels
- Fleece or other mid-weight layer
- Down coat/synthetic puffy - Colorado evenings can be chilly, especially out on trail!
- Rain Jacket and Pants
- Swimsuit and clothes that can get wet!
  - NOTE: We are required to wear clothing over our swimwear, so think synthetic shorts/t-shirt, etc. For ladies, your swimsuit must be a one-piece
- Lots of underwear/socks (regular and hiking socks)
- Sunglasses
- Brimmed Hat
- Winter Hat
- Light Gloves
- A few "day off" clothing items (dress, tank top, etc.)
- OPTIONAL BUT ENCOURAGED! - Bring costumes, funky clothing, wigs, crazy outfits, etc.
  - This will come in handy and will make your camp experiences all the more exciting!

## FOOTWEAR

- Hiking Boots (required for Instructors & Supervisors, optional for all other positions)
  - NOTE: Remember to break these in before camp! Ones with ankle support are ideal (waterproof vs. non-waterproof is a personal preference and up to you)
- Tennis Shoes/Trail Runners - Good for smaller hikes, time around camp, etc.
- CLOSED TOE Water Shoes/Sandals - Think Keens, Crocs, etc.
  - We do not let campers wear open toe shoes/sandals around camp and require campers to wear a closed-toed shoe/sandal in the water due to foot injuries. Therefore we cannot wear them either while on camp.
- Shower Shoes (Flip Flops work great)
- Day Off Shoes (sandals, Chacos, whatever) - These can be open-toed!

## TOILETRIES/MISC.

- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Sunscreen and Bug Spray
- Shampoo/conditioner/soap/facewash etc.
- Shower bag/shower caddy (encouraged to prevent hygiene products from touching shared surfaces)
- Brush/Comb
- Deodorant
- Personal Hand Sanitizer
- Any other personal hygiene items (tampons, shaving necessities, etc.)

## GEAR

- Backpacking Backpack - Around 45-50L or larger will work great **(Instructors only)**
- Daypack - Make sure your daypack is a good size as you will be carrying essential items for your group (med kit, snacks, hand sanitizer, etc.). A traditional school-sized backpack is a good reference for when looking at appropriate sizes.
- Sleeping Bag and Sleeping Pad **(Instructor's only)**
- Bowl, spork, mug **(Instructor's only)**
- Headlamp with extra batteries
- Please note: Staff are welcome to bring their own bikes. Bikes should be tuned, fit campers well and be appropriate for riding on dirt trails (hand brakes and wider tires). **(Instructor's & Bike Supervisor only)**

On your backpacking trip, you will be provided with everything you need to make the experience great for the campers (stoves, tents, cookware, etc.). Think about what you would bring on your own trips (bandanas, Ziplocs, crazy creek chair, whatever else you consider to be your essentials) and pack those! The happier you are on the trip, the happier the kids will be!

## OTHER ESSENTIALS:

- **Masks** - We continue to monitor Covid-19 and in preparation we ask that all staff bring their own masks. Please bring at least **5** masks to encourage positive hygiene habits.
  - **TYPE OF MASK:**
    - Masks must be 2-ply
    - No buffs, gaiters or bandanas
    - Masks must cover the nose and mouth
    - Masks should be clean and fit snugly
- Bedding - We recommend bringing a sheet/blanket for the bed, and while some use their sleeping bag while on site, it is nice to have sheets/blankets/a comforter for the cabin. Think about this being your home for two months – make it cozy!
- A Watch - It is extremely important that as staff we get our groups to where they need to be and show up for meetings and activities on time. Get a good watch and one you like because it will become your new best friend.
- 2-3 Water Bottles
- Journal/notebook, pens/pencils
- 2-3 towels (shower and for water activities)

## OPTIONAL ITEMS:

- Gaiters
- Books
- Good Camera
- Laptop - Helpful for writing parent letters, evaluations, doing "life stuff" on days off, etc.
- Aux Cord/phone charger for vans when out on expedition
- Playing Cards
- Totes, Boxes, Bags for organization and moving items

## IMPORTANT NOTE FOR DINING, MEDICAL, AND FACILITIES STAFF

There are a number of items above that you will not *need* to bring to do your job this summer (ex. Backpacking pack, hiking boots, sleeping pad etc.). You are more than welcome to bring them for your travels and comfort, but please ask your Director or mentor if you need an item before you go and purchase new gear.

## OH NO! I FORGOT SOMETHING/IT DOESN'T FIT IN MY BAG!

No worries! We encourage you to bring as much on the packing list with you as possible. If you need to restock on items during the summer, Amazon.com will be the best option for getting supplies delivered to property. For international staff, this is a great way to have items meet you at camp!

**DISCLAIMER**

Life at camp is hard on your gear. We recommend that you do not bring items of extreme value, that you care immensely if they get lost/damaged, or any clothing/gear that you don't want to get dirty. The key is being comfortable and having gear and other essentials that are functional and practical. If you have any specific questions regarding packing and/or gear, please do not hesitate to reach out to your Director or your mentor.