

Summer Staff Packing List

A few general reminders that apply to the whole list:

- *If you bring something to camp, it will get dirty sometime.*
- *If it comes to camp, campers will almost certainly use it.*
- *If it comes to camp, there is a chance it will get broken, lost, or (unfortunately) taken; this includes expensive items like cameras and computers.*
- *If you forget something, it's likely that you can get it at Wal-Mart (while visiting with a hundred of your closest camp friends!)*

Here are the things that you will definitely need:

Clothing

- Enough clothes for one week without washing (there are laundry facilities available on the weekends and your free time during the week, but you do not want to depend on them in the middle of the week)
- Several t-shirts and pairs of comfortable shorts (you will be wearing them most of the week; be mindful of what is on your clothing since we want make sure we are beyond reproach)
- A few long-sleeve shirts and pairs of pants (it gets cool or cold sometimes, especially at the beginning of the summer)
- Jacket (same reason as above)
- Footwear (at least 2 pair)
 - You need a pair of closed toed athletic shoes (i.e. tennis shoes) for the challenge course
 - You will need a pair of shoes that can get wet (while on creek hikes and at the lake). Sandals such as Chaco's or Tevas are great, but be sure they have a strap on the back; crocs can also work well.
- Swimsuit(s)
 - Girls: conservative, one-piece suits
 - Boys: no Speedos
- Socks
- Underwear
- Rain jacket (it should be good quality and totally waterproof; you will be carrying with you just about all of the time; it's also great during the school year)
- Girls: some big t-shirts (dark-colored), for girls that forget one-piece swimsuits

Bathroom

- Toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrush, shower stuff such as soap, shampoo, etc.)
- Towels (I would recommend at least 2; because of the high humidity, they do not dry well)
- Razor (only required for guys, but highly recommended for girls). Guys must be clean shaven every opening day.

Laundry

- Laundry detergent (put your name on it with a permanent marker if you plan to leave it in the laundry room; otherwise you can keep it in your cabin).
- Hamper or something to store and transport dirty clothes.

Outdoorsy Gear

- Daypack or backpack to carry around during the day.
- Water bottle (at least one; nalgens or something similar work well. The 32oz/1 quart size is good)

- Flashlight (but a headlamp works so much better; they are available at most stores, including Wal-Mart, although the most durable/best are only found at outdoor stores)
- Sleeping bag (for campouts each week)

Bedding

- Sheets (for a twin bed; unless you are in Ivie, in which case you need double sheets)
- Pillow
- Blanket

Doesn't fit in the other categories

- Bible
- Journal
- Pens
- Watch (so you can be on time!)
- Money for the weekends (lunch and dinner Saturday, plus any local activities such as movies)
- Lighter
- Hat/sunscreen/sunglasses (also a necessity for Crew when working at the pool and the Alpine Tower)

Now that we've covered the required items, the rest of the list contains optional items that will make your summer more enjoyable:

Miscellaneous

- Alarm clock if you cannot get up by yourself.
- Sleeping pad for campouts.
- Small pillow for campouts so you don't have to carry your big pillow (or get it dirty at campout!)
- Flip-flops (for weekends and shower)
- Paper and stamps if you want to write letters.
- Guitar or whatever musical instruments you can play.
- folding pocket knife (no sheath knives)
- hat(s) (any and all kinds)
- bandana(s)
- costume and dress-up clothes

Cabin Items

- cabin decorations (pictures, posters, etc; nothing can be hung on the wall, no holes in the walls, no tape on the walls)
- personal fan (a clip-on for under your bed or a box fan; both work well, but the box fan moves more air)
- medium/big tupperware box for food (campers will bring snacks, and we don't want bugs in the cabins, so be prepared to have a place to put them; plus, if campers leave snacks in there at the end of the week, they become yours)
- egg-crate foam for your bed
- a clip-on bed lamp (great for reading at night after you turn out the overhead lights so your campers can go to sleep)
- small rug for the entrance or next to your bed (one by the entrance cuts down on dirt tracked into the cabin, and one by the bed keeps your feet clean before you get into bed)

Storage in the Cabin

- a shallow plastic storage bin that can fit under a bed
- a shower curtain rod for hanging clothes (since there is not a closet; moving closets from places like U-Haul also work)
- a cheap, multi drawer-drawer storage container (to put by your bed; you won't have a ton of storage in the cabin, so it's nice to have those extra drawers; also it can double as a nightstand to put your alarm clock)

Camper Activities

- Art supplies (be sure you label 'em just to make sure you get 'em back)
- Games (deck of cards, mad libs, frisbee, football, etc)
- Any toys/props you may use.
- Little kid Storybooks - These come in handy all the time. You can figure out how to relate them to a lesson for a devotional. Also, they're great to read to homesick or upset campers at bedtime (or anytime, really), especially with elementary campers and Sparrowwood campers!
- embroidery floss for friendship bracelets
- Craft stuff for your cabin - coloring books, markers and crayons, construction paper, tape, etc. - You'll probably want to make a few things for the cabin (like signs, rules, and cleaning schedules) or cards and notes for people, and it's always good to have stuff to do with campers.

Modifications for Outpost: some of your gear will depend on your trip, but this is what we suggest for everyone

- 2-3 Nalgens (or similarly-sized durable water bottles)
- A therm-a-rest or other portable sleeping pad
- a big plastic container to store your stuff at OP
- quick-dry shorts are awesome
- remember that it will be cool/cold in Dahlenega and the surrounding areas at night...so make sure your sleeping bag will accommodate colder weather (on the trail it would get to 35-40 degrees many nights)
- Sunscreen/sunglasses/hat – always good since you are outside all day
- camping pillows are great on the trail
- close-toed shoes for hiking, chacos/tevas can be worn for everything else