

## Summer Camp Packing List

*We recommend that you mark all clothing and belongings with a permanent marker.* Unfortunately there are many pieces of clothing left at camp each summer which are not claimed and we cannot identify the owner. This substantial lost and found pile is held on site into the fall and then given to charity. While we're happy these items find a good home eventually, we feel bad that the person who owns the clothing will never see it again!

This is a suggested list for participants in our summer camp programs. You will want to adjust this list for seasonal variations and for younger children or adult events.

- \_\_\_ Sheets and a blanket or sleeping bag and a pillow
- \_\_\_ Towels, washcloth, soap, toilet articles and other "necessities"
- \_\_\_ Regular changes of underclothes and socks
- \_\_\_ Pajamas
- \_\_\_ Casual Clothing. Bring clothes such as jeans, old slacks, shorts, and long and short sleeve shirts. Include several pairs of comfortable sneakers or shoes. Bring clothing for both warm and cool weather.
- \_\_\_ An old pair of sneakers which won't be harmed by a stream walk, a rainy day nature walk, or a game of water balloon volleyball!
- \_\_\_ A warm jacket and hat. The days are usually warm, but the nights and any rainy days sometimes get cool
- \_\_\_ Rain apparel — it seems when it rains, it really pours around here in the summer!
- \_\_\_ Swimsuit(s) — We recommend at least two so you won't have to wear a wet suit
- \_\_\_ Swim shoes. Last summer we discovered zebra muscles in our lake. These little critters are transported from lake to lake across Wisconsin, and unfortunately these invasive species have no natural predator, so they are abundant - and sharp! Water shoes – or even flip flops (if you can keep them on your feet in the water) will quickly solve the problem.
- \_\_\_ Suntan lotion — a must, so you don't burn
- \_\_\_ Insect repellent. We recommend pump sprays instead of aerosols
- \_\_\_ Flashlight with fresh batteries
- \_\_\_ Musical instruments. If you play and would like to share we'd certainly appreciate it!
- \_\_\_ Letter writing stuff — stamps and postcards are available at camp if you like
- \_\_\_ Camera (optional). Digital camera are falling in price and the quality is great even on the most basic models. Alternately point-and-shoot disposable cameras will capture many memories of camp. We highly recommend that you clearly mark your camera since there are many that look exactly alike.
- \_\_\_ A modest amount of money. Our camp store sells camp t-shirts and sweatshirts, water bottles, cards, postcards, stamps, and an assortment of other things. We do not sell food in our canteen – we provide delicious food in our dining room and we have a fresh fruit bowl available to campers all day long. The need for canteen money is modest.
- \_\_\_ Each year we ask campers to consider making a gift to our offering project. We highlight a mission, most often related to the church, which helps meet the needs of people and society. We are blessed – and this mission offering is a way for our campers to share the blessing of their lives. We hope you will choose to bring a monetary gift to give as you learn more about this year's mission project.
- \_\_\_ If you bring any prescription medications (or other vitamins, aspirin or health care stuff) please bring them to registration with you. As per state law, we are required to collect at registration and store all of these items in our Health Center.
- \_\_\_ **YOUR GREEN HEALTH FORM!** Campers can not be admitted to any camp session without a complete health form. **Please remember to have a parent sign the emergency release. This is very important!**
- \_\_\_ A positive attitude. This is really important! Seriously!

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### Items Not to Bring

- Skateboards, Roller blades, Mini Bikes
- Radios or "Boom Boxes". Personal music players will be permitted, though their use will be restricted to rest hour and bed time. HOWEVER, we recommend you think carefully about bringing an expensive MP3 player to camp! If you loose it here you will be one sad camper! Bring a cheap CD or tape player, if you choose to bring anything at all.
- Cellular phones or pagers. We will collect these if they show up at youth camp
- Junk food or snacks — they just invite outside critters to dine in your cabin
- Pets, unless they are stuffed animals!
- The family heirloom Bible. Too many beautiful confirmation or family Bibles are left at camp — or ruined in the rain at camp. We do have Bibles here for campers to use. You may bring your own Bible, but please be prepared to care for it.
- ...and, of course, weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol, and prescription drugs not prescribed to you have no place at camp! We've never had a problem with these – and we want to keep it that way!