

PACKING LIST & TIPS

Packing for camp is the start of your child's independent camp experience. Please have your child participate in packing for camp so they know where to find their clothing and other items. Parents should confirm all packed items are approved for camp. We encourage you to pack your items in a footlocker/trunk rather than a suitcase or duffle bag. **Clothing, accessories and footlockers should be marked with your camper's name (iron-on labels, permanent marker).** Please do not send clothing in plastic trash bags. Your camper will be outside and active at camp. Please send older clothes, towels, etc. New items are not recommended. Laundry facilities are not available for two-week campers. Please pack enough clothing for the full session.

CLOTHING*

- ___ Navy blue or black shorts for Closing Ceremony
- ___ Any color shirts for each day
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- ___ Jeans or long pants (1 pair, or 2 pair if you intend to sign up for the Equestrian activity)
- ___ Underwear
- ___ Pajamas
- ___ Jacket or light sweater
- ___ Clothes for Thursday night dance (casual attire, not athletic wear, not applicable to 4-day campers)

BEDDING

- Blanket and sheets for twin size bed
- Pillow and pillow case

SWIMGEAR

- Swim suit (One-piece and tankinis allowed, NO bikini-style for girls. Traditional trunk-style for boys.)
- Pool towel

BATH

- 2 Bath towels
- 2 Washcloths
- Toiletries in a shower caddy or zippered bag (including: toothbrush & toothpaste, soap, shampoo, sunscreen, brush/ comb, deodorant, insect repellent, hair accessories, etc. NO aerosols.)

**A note on modesty: Simple, conservative and modest clothing is best for the active week at camp, so we ask campers to leave clothes like spaghetti-strap tank tops, midriffs, halter tops, short shorts and other tight clothing at home. Shorts should be no shorter than four inches from the back of the knee.*

FOOTWEAR

Because Camp El Tesoro is a natural environment, appropriate footwear must be worn at all times. Closed toe shoes with socks (tennis shoes) must be worn during all challenge course activities, including both high- and low-elements, and during sports and games activities. Boots with a one inch heel must be worn inside the Equestrian Center Arena (riders and non-riders alike) and on riding trails.

For all other activities, campers may wear closed toe shoes with socks or all-terrain sandals (such as Chaco, Teva and Keen branded footwear). Sandals must have a rubber sole with a thickness of at least one-half inch (0.5") and a heel strap to keep the shoe securely fastened at the foot.

Flip Flops may only be worn to and from the pool from cabins, and in the showers. Swim shoes are optional and may be worn at the pool, creek, or river. Staff have the right to determine what footwear is appropriate and can ask a camper to change at any time.

If campers choose to bring only one pair of shoes, that pair should be closed toe (tennis shoes). Boots are available at the Equestrian Center if campers do not have their own.

- Socks
- Closed toe shoes (with no heel) or light hiking boots (mandatory)
- All-terrain sandals (optional)
- Flip Flops (1 pair) for showers and pool
- Aqua shoes or old tennis shoes for swimming pool/creek walking/canoeing (optional)

EQUIPMENT

- Small backpack – carry in hand on arrival (drawstring backpacks are discouraged)
- Large-mouth water bottle (required) – carry in hand on arrival
- Dirty clothes bag (NO plastic bags)
- Raincoat/poncho
- Flashlight (with extra batteries)
- Mess kit and dunk bag (heavy plastic plate and fork in a small mesh bag/lingerie net bag for cookout on Wednesday night, not applicable to 4-day campers)
- Small electric fan

OPTIONAL ITEMS

- Pens or pencils
- Postcards, stationery, stamped envelopes (pre-addressed for younger campers)
- Friend from home (the stuffed kind)
- Camera - digital or disposable (please label!)
- Cowboy boots with a 1" heel (required to ride horses)
- Rain boots
- Battery powered camp lantern
- Hat
- Bandanas
- Sunglasses
- Swim goggles
- Paperback book
- Hammock

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED ITEMS

TWO WEEK CAMPERS:

No laundry service available.

- Plain blue shirt and plain red shirt for color wars
- White t-shirt with no writing for art project

We welcome donations to our "Boot & Jean Box" from which campers can borrow riding boots and jeans.

LOST AND FOUND

Please check the lost and found table before leaving camp on closing night. All unclaimed items will be held at camp for two weeks after each session. Articles will not be held after this time period.

DO NOT PACK (applies to ALL campers):

- Electronics
- Cell Phone
- MP3 player
- eReader
- DVD player
- Video Games
- Radio
- Food
- Money
- Valuables/Jewelry
- Silly String
- Knives
- Matches, lighters
- Alcohol/Illegal Drugs
- Fireworks/Sparklers (this includes the 4th of July week)

