

2023 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 duffel bag. Please do not send clothing in plastic trash bags. **Clothing, accessories and footlockers should be marked with your camper's name (iron-on labels, permanent marker).**

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*

- Any color shirts for each day
- Any color shorts for each day
- 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 (Athletic swim wear appropriate for swimming, jumping, running and playing - one piece, tankinis, rash guards are recommended)
- Pool towel

**A note on modesty: Simple, conservative and modest clothing is best for the active week at camp.*

BATH

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

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 for each day
- Closed toe tennis shoe or light hiking boots (mandatory)
- All-terrain sandals (optional)
- Flip Flops (1 pair) for showers and pool (optional)
- Aqua shoes or old tennis shoes for swimming pool/ creek walking/canoeing (optional)
- Cowboy boots with a 1" heel for riding (optional, loaners available)
- Rain boots (optional)



EQUIPMENT

- ___ Water bottle 32oz heavy duty (wide mouth is easier to fill with ice)
- ___ Small electric fan (power outlet available at each bed)
- ___ Small backpack – carry in hand on arrival (drawstring backpacks are discouraged)
- ___ 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)
- ___ Tenure Walking Staff

OPTIONAL ITEMS

- ___ Face Masks with clip-on lanyard
- ___ Pens or pencils
- ___ Postcards, stationery, stamped envelopes (pre-addressed for younger campers)
- ___ Friend from home (the stuffed kind)
- ___ Camera - digital or disposable (please label!)
- ___ Battery powered camp lantern
- ___ Hat (baseball cap, bucket, wide-brim, visor)
- ___ Bandannas
- ___ Sunglasses
- ___ Swim goggles
- ___ Paperback book
- ___ Hammock with hanging straps

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED ITEMS

TWO WEEK CAMPERS:

No laundry service available.

- ___ Plain blue shirt and plain red shirt for color wars

EQUESTRIAN SESSION:

- ___ Jeans or long pants (3 pair)
- ___ Cowboy boots with a 1" heel for riding

CAMP BOOT & JEAN BOX

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

Lost And Found

Campers will check the lost and found table before leaving camp. 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 with WiFi or cellular capabilities
- Cell Phone
- Smart Watches (with Internet capabilities)
- MP3 player
- eReader
- DVD player
- Video Games
- Radio
- Food
- Money
- Valuables/Jewelry
- Silly String

Contraband Items (possession of these items will result in the camper being sent home without a refund)

- Alcohol
- Illegal Drugs
- Vaping/e-cigarettes devices
- Knives/pocket knives
- Matches, lighters
- Fireworks/Sparklers (this includes the 4th of July week)



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