2024 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 or 2 pair for Equestrian activity)
___ Underwear
___ Pajamas
___ Jacket or light sweater
___ Clothes for Thursday night dance (casual attire, not athletic wear, not applicable to 4-day campers)

SWIMGEAR
___ Swim suit (Athletic swim wear appropriate for swimming, jumping, running and playing - one piece, tankinis, rash guards are recommended)
___ Pool towel
*Note on modesty: Simple, conservative and modest clothing is best for the active week at camp.

BEDDING
___ Sheets for twin size bed
___ Blanket(s)
___ Pillow and pillow case

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 at each bed)
___ Small backpack – carry in hand on arrival
(drawstring backpacks are discouraged)
___ Dirty clothes bag with name label (NO plastic bags)
___ Raincoat/poncho
___ Flashlight (with extra batteries)
___ Tenure Walking Staff

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!)
___ Battery powered camp lantern
___ Hat (baseball cap, bucket, wide-brim, visor)
___ Bandannas
___ Sunglasses
___ Swim goggles
___ Paperback book
___ Hammock with hanging straps
___ Hydration backpack (Camelback-style)

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED ITEMS
TWO WEEK CAMPERS:  
No laundry service available.
___ Plain blue shirt or 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
• NERF & Blaster Toys with foam darts, discs or balls

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)

Read our Let’s Get Packing blog for tips and tricks to make packing a breeze
https://www.campfirefw.org/camps/lets-get-packing/