



Youth Camp Packing Checklist

Get ready for your off-grid adventure at Big Creek!

We are excited to have you join us for an unforgettable journey! We can't wait to host you at our newly renovated Big Creek campus-- thanks to so many incredibly generous individuals, families, foundations, businesses, and community partners.

As you prepare for your camp, we hope these lists will help you ensure you bring everything you'll need. We will be outdoors for almost the entire duration of your stay, so it's essential to be prepared for unpredictable weather, including rain, intense sun, cold winds, and possibly even snow. If you need any gear, we have some items available to borrow—don't hesitate to contact us for assistance.

Some important things to consider as you're packing:

- **Clothing Reminder:** Avoid cotton fabrics. Instead, we recommend you choose wool or synthetic materials like polyester and nylon that dry quickly, wick moisture, and keep you warm even when wet.
- **Label your Gear:** We will have many other campers at Big Creek! Please write your name on your items to help ensure they make it back home with you.
- **Laundry Facilities are NOT available for campers to use.** Please pack accordingly!
- **Gear Availability:** This is a long list of items! We do have gear available for borrowing-- if you need assistance securing any essential equipment, please let us know and we're more than happy to help.

Lastly, we find it important to let you know that Big Creek is a screen-free campus where the goal is to get kids outdoors and connecting with nature. However, staff is equipped with access to technology for any emergencies that may arise. On trail, our Outdoor Education Specialists have satellite communication devices that can dispatch emergency response and communicate with Glacier Institute leadership. At Big Creek, full communication capabilities are available to staff 24/7.

Thank you for entrusting us and for letting us create memories that will last a lifetime for your camper!

The Glacier Institute Staff



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Category	Items	Helpful Tips	Checked
Essential Clothing	Base Layers	Top & Bottoms choose wool or synthetic fabrics	
	Hiking Pants	Full Length Lightweight, durable and breathable	
	Day Shirts	Short & Long Sleeves to protect against sun and insects, avoid cotton	
	Hiking Socks	Crew Length moisture-wicking and quick drying	
	Underwear	Comfortable moisture-wicking, synthetic fabrics	
	Midweight Gear	Layer Up for Warmth Fleece or Synthetic	
	Outer Layer	Warm Jacket or Coat Waterproof and insulated	
	Knit Cap	For Warmth at Night	
	Gloves/Mittens	Warm Moisture-wicking	
	Extra Warm Socks	Thicker Wool or Longer For sleeping or extra warmth as needed	
	Hiking Shoes	Sturdy, Closed Toe Boots or Trail Shoes Be sure to break them in before your camp!	
	Brimmed Hat	For Sun Protection	
	Camp Shoes	For Downtime at Camp Comfortable and lightweight	
	Camp Clothes	Warm, Comfortable Leisure Options	
Rain Gear	Waterproof Jacket	Hooded Big enough to fit all your layers!	
	Rain Pants	Optional! Recommended if heavy rain is anticipated	



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Personal Items	Sunscreen	SPF 30 or Higher We're outdoors all day!	
	Water Bottle	32oz Recommended	
	Travel Size Toiletries	Toothbrush	
		Toothpaste	
		Hairbrush & Hair Ties	
		Deodorant	
		Personal Hygiene Items Shower shoes, soap, menstrual products, etc. (Please consider length of your camp in packing this!)	
Optional Items	Sunglasses	Eye protection from sun	
	Camera/phone	Optional, and for photos only! Staff also carry phones for safety and photo-taking thanks to grants from the Whitefish Community Foundation & fStop Foundation.	
	Binoculars	For birdwatching or enjoying nature	
	Journal	For keeping notes or reflection	
	Snacks	Any favorites or allergy friendly options Snacks are provided by Glacier Institute as well.	



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Items NOT to Bring	Bear Spray	Provided by Staff	
	Knives or Firearms	For safety reasons	
	Fireworks	Fire danger!	
	Electronic Devices	Screen Free Campus! Including phones, tablets, etc. except for photos.	
	Chewing Gum	Keep Camp Clean! Wildlife, our staff, and other campers don't want gum everywhere!	
	Aerosol Sprays	Can irritate other's respiratory systems	
	Hair dryers, curling irons, etc.	Help us preserve power at our off-grid campus.	

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