



Youth Camp Packing List

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

We are excited to have you join us for an unforgettable journey! As you prepare for your camp, please ensure you bring everything you'll need. We will be outdoors for almost the entire duration of your stay, so it's important 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.

Important Notes:

- **Clothing Reminder:** Avoid cotton fabrics. Instead, choose **wool** or **synthetic** fabrics (like polyester and nylon) that dry quickly, wick moisture, and can keep you warm even when wet.
- **Labeling your gear** with your name is highly recommended to ensure everything makes it back home with you.
- **Laundry facilities are unavailable** at our facility, so pack accordingly.
- **Gear availability:** We have some gear available for borrowing—please contact us if you need assistance with any equipment.

Clothing to Bring

- ❑ **Base layers** (top and bottom) – choose **wool** or **synthetic** fabrics
- ❑ **Hiking pants** – lightweight, durable, and breathable
- ❑ **Day shirts** – short and long sleeve (to protect against sun and insects) (avoid cotton)
- ❑ **Hiking socks** – moisture-wicking and quick-drying
- ❑ **Underwear** – moisture-wicking synthetic
- ❑ **Mid layers** – fleece or synthetic layers for warmth
- ❑ **Warm jacket/coat** – waterproof and insulated
- ❑ **Knit cap** – for warmth at night
- ❑ **Gloves/mittens** – warm, moisture-wicking
- ❑ **Extra warm socks** – for sleeping and extra warmth
- ❑ **Camp shoes** – lightweight and comfortable for around camp
- ❑ **Hiking boots** – sturdy, closed-toe hiking boots (be sure to break them in before the trip)
- ❑ **Brimmed hat** – for sun protection (non-synthetic/wool is fine)
- ❑ **Rain Jacket (hooded)**
- ❑ **Pajamas/sleeping clothes**



Personal Items

- ☐ **Sunscreen** – SPF 30 or higher
 - ☐ **Bug spray** – insect repellent
 - ☐ **Sleeping Bag/pillow**
 - ☐ **Water Bottle** – 32oz recommended
 - ☐ **Travel-size toiletries** – such as:
 - o Toothpaste
 - o Toothbrush
 - o Hairbrush/hair ties
 - o Deodorant
 - o Personal hygiene items
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Optional Items

- ☐ **Sunglasses** – for eye protection from the sun
 - ☐ **Camera/phone** – for photos, if you like (leave it off when not needed)
 - ☐ **Binoculars** – for birdwatching or enjoying nature
 - ☐ **Journal/book** – for keeping notes or reflection
 - ☐ **Snacks** – we provide snacks, but feel free to pack any extra favorites
 - ☐ **Extra clothes** – for warm or cold nights in camp
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Items NOT to Bring

- **Bear spray** (provided by staff)
- **Knives or firearms** – for safety reasons
- **Fireworks**
- **Electronic devices** – including phones, tablets, etc. (except for cameras)
- **Chewing gum** – wildlife and other campers do not appreciate it
- **Hair dryers, curling irons, etc.** – our off-grid power system cannot support these items
- **Aerosol sprays** – can irritate others' respiratory systems

We're here to help!

If you have any questions about packing or need assistance with gear, feel free to contact us. We look forward to seeing you at camp and on the trail!