



FRIENDLY PINES CAMP

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PARENTS, PLEASE NOTE!

The problem of keeping track of the clothing and other possessions of 200 campers is tremendous! Our exceptional record of negligible losses can be maintained only by your continued cooperation in:

- FIRST:** Mark **EVERYTHING** with child's **full name**. (Yes, that means every item that child brings - not just clothing!) We suggest either a PERMANENT laundry marking pen, such as "Rub-A-Dub", or one of the methods about which we have enclosed information in this mailing. Note: if you choose an iron-on gummed tape, be sure they are a high enough quality to withstand multiple washings and commercial dryers.
- SECOND:** Write on the "check-list" how many of each article you are sending as you pack it. Do not overlook marking and listing clothing and other items worn or carried to camp! Your count will be verified as we unpack the campers, and their possessions will be tallied **again** as we pack them up to return home. It is our goal to send campers home with as many clean clothes as possible, freshly laundered and neatly packed!
- THIRD:** Send the completed list **IN THE SUITCASE**.

THE SLEEPING BAG. We find it the **ideal** camp bedding. It is easy to make (yes, the campers make their bed neatly each morning!); keeps the campers warm on the cool-ish nights here in the mountains; can be equipped with a washable liner, which keeps the hygiene level high, and is a **MUST** for overnight camping trips. A good quality bag with a full zipper can be a life-time investment. Medium weight (it never gets below 40 degrees here in the summer) is ideal. For identification, a helpful idea, after you have the bag rolled and ready for departure, is to write the child's name in big letters in chalk.

BLANKETS. The requested, small-ish blanket for our weekly ceremonials also serves as a mattress cover and for occasional extra warmth.

CANTEEN/WATER BOTTLE/CAMELBACK. In our efforts to maintain good health for everyone, we urge campers to keep a canteen/water bottle filled with our fresh, pure drinking water **FOR FREQUENT DAILY USE**. To avoid loss, we suggest a carrier such as a waist-pack, shoulder strap, or back carrier. No need to send bottled water with your camper.

LUGGAGE AND PACKING. In packing, duffel bags, suitcases, or even boxes are preferable to trunks/footlockers, which are hard to store at camp. (You may find the enclosed flyer on the "Mega-Pak" of some interest.) The children's belongings are unpacked at camp, and each has his/her own set of shelves.

PLEASE LEAVE AT HOME: Food, gum, extra cash, good jewelry, large and dangling earrings, heavy makeup, aerosol spray cans, expensive toys/clothing, firearms, ALL knives, hand axes, radios, TV's, cassette and/or CD players, MP3 players, video games, electronic equipment of **ANY** sort, cell phones, PDA's, electronic books, pagers, irons, hair dryers, curling irons or sets, any battery/electrical/gas powered items or devices, comics, and "questionable taste" items of any sort. (Please call us if there is a question!) Camp provides its own entertainment and stimulation. If any unsuitable items, not limited to the above, are brought to camp, they are kept safely in the camp office until departure time. **EXCEPTION: Food, drink, candy, gum, or anything crude or vulgar is NOT returned at all. Don't bring it!**

FOLLOW OUR COMMON-SENSE DRESS CODE: Usual play clothes (in good taste) - jeans, T-shirts, shorts - are what we wear in camp. THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF ARTICLES OF CLOTHING OR STYLES THAT ARE NOT APPROPRIATE AT CAMP: no articles that reveal underwear • no spaghetti-strap, sleeveless, and/or bare-tummy shirts • no drooping pants/shorts • no two-piece swimsuits (tasteful one-piece, only) • no heavy make-up • no non-stud earrings • no shorts or hemlines that are too short (at least finger-tip length) • no "extreme" hairstyles, hair in eyes, or (for males) below the collar • no articles that advertise tobacco, alcohol, drugs, or send potentially offensive or inappropriate messages.