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PACKING GUIDE



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PACKING TIPS & REMINDERS

THOROUGHLY READ, PRINT OUT, AND USE THIS PACKING GUIDE!

This seems obvious, but it's fundamental to your packing success. We have spent a great deal of time curating this guide to be as useful as possible to the whole packing process. We recommend reviewing this guide well before the start of your session to see if there is anything you need to order ahead of time. The guide also includes items NOT to bring to camp, which you should pay close attention to. We are happy to mail you a printed guide; just email us to arrange for a paper copy to be sent! ([See pages 7-8](#)).

AT THE VERY LEAST, PLEASE PRINT OUT PAGE 10 OF THIS GUIDE!

MAKE PACKING A TEAM EFFORT: INCLUDE YOUR CAMPER IN THE PROCESS

When your camper is away, you won't be there to help locate things you packed. It's important for kids to feel responsible for their own belongings and aware of everything they're taking to camp. Include them in picking out items to pack, organizing things into piles, putting things into their bag, or checking things off of the list. That said, it's still super important that the overall process is overseen by an adult so nothing is forgotten or brought to camp that should be left at home!

START FROM SQUARE ONE: WHICH BAG SHOULD YOU USE?

In packing, duffel bags or suitcases are preferable, particularly if they're collapsible. Our "MegaPak", featured in our [online camp store](#) is the perfect camp luggage! Collapsible bags are best suited for camp, as once unpacked, bags are stored underneath the camper's bed. The children's belongings are all unpacked at camp, and each has his/her own set of shelves. Don't forget to add tags to your camper's luggage in case they get separated!

THE WATER BOTTLE: PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO PACK!

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

THE ESSENTIAL SLEEPING BAG

We find the Sleeping Bag 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 lifetime investment. Medium weight (it never gets below 40°F here in the summer) is ideal. Don't forget to mark it with your camper's name! Some campers choose to bring a fitted sheet as a barrier between their sleeping bag and the mattress, and some kids bring a full sheet and comforter set! (Our bunk beds are twin-sized). Most campers though tend to opt for just a sleeping bag. Bring what you're most comfortable with!

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ALL THE DIRT ON LAUNDRY



Two-week campers have the option of having their laundry during their stay. Laundry service is not available for one-week campers. Friendly Pines Camp will cover the first \$15 of laundry. Any charges over the \$15 will be applied to the camper's store account. The laundry service we use charges approximately \$1.75 per pound. Though laundry weights vary from camper to camper, 10-15 lbs. of laundry is pretty typical. We send in laundry once in a two-week session. We send laundry in around the weekend between arrival and departure. Campers, therefore, will return home with a week's worth of dirty laundry.

It's important to know how the laundry service works (unless you decline the laundry service all together). All of the girls' laundry goes to town on Friday & Saturday and all of the boys' goes to town on Sunday. The clothes arrive at the laundry in huge cabin-group laundry bags. Inside the cabin-group laundry bags is each camper's own laundry in his or her own laundry bag. After washing, drying, sorting, and folding the clothes, the laundry service sends all the clean clothes back in individually-marked packages. In order to sort the clothing, the folks at the laundry must, therefore, be able to read the name of the camper on each and every article of clothing. On the day the laundry comes back, our office receives any unmarked laundry that we must attempt to reunite with each owner. This method works most of the time; unfortunately, we find that some of the campers, particularly the younger ones, aren't able to identify their own jeans (since they all do look pretty much the same)! In many cases, campers don't even realize that the clothing is missing until the day the counselor packs them to go home.

Below are some things that YOU can do to avoid losing things at camp and keeping your laundry costs down:

IT IS *CRITICAL* THAT YOU MARK ALL YOUR CAMPER'S BELONGINGS

Whether or not you choose the laundry service, this point is so important, we'd like to repeat it. It is absolutely critical that you mark all your belongings!

USE INDELIBLE METHODS OF MARKING LAUNDRY

Waterproof laundry markers such as Sharpies, or a personalized labeling systems are best. Anything else might simply wash away.

CONSIDER THE ITEM COLOR/MATERIAL WHEN LABELING

This may seem like a "no-brainer," but it's surprising how often someone will use a black laundry marker to write the camper's name on the collar of a black shirt.

Situations like these call for something like white label tape that you iron on or sew on the garment. You can even buy a white laundry marker!

MARK THE CLOTHES IN AN EASY-TO-FIND LOCATION

We strongly suggest that you mark inside and to the back of the neck band of shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, raingear, PJs, etc. Mark shorts, underwear, jeans, swim-trunks, PJ bottoms, etc. within and to the back of the waistband. Mark socks along the foot or toe, if written, or attach label to top of sock; towels, pillow cases, and blankets along the hem area. Some folks like to “hide” the camper’s name for fear that marking the article in an obvious location will “ruin” it. As a result, they’ll mark the item in a location so obscure that you’d need a treasure map to find it. A little rule of thumb: If you have an article of clothing that you feel will be “ruined” by a marker or label tape, please leave that article at home!

BE SURE TO MARK EVERYTHING!

Label not only those items typically going to the laundry, but also things like bathrobes, belts, jackets, boots, pillows, sleeping bags, cameras, toothpaste, soap dish, and toiletries. In short, to reduce the risk of losing it, write the camper’s name on it!

HAVE AN ADULT DO THE MARKING ON ALL CLOTHING AND BELONGINGS!

Like filling out enrollment applications and medical forms, the job of marking the camper’s belongings is best handled by an adult. Though we think it’s a good idea to have your camper help in getting ready to go to camp, we don’t think it’s wise to hand a child a marker and a stack of clothes and tell them “have at it”. Needless mistakes will occur, and some of those mistakes can be costly.

Of course, two-week campers always have the option of sending a full session’s worth of clothes to camp. They’d return home, ready to be laundered, promptly. This, however, will not prevent the possibility of lost clothing and belongings. Unmarked items can be just as easily lost right here at camp.

Note: Please refer to the Packing Guide & make your decision to accept or decline laundry service. Please mark “yes” or “no”, then sign and date. If neither is indicated, we will assume your choice is “yes” and your child’s clothing will be sent out for laundry service. There is no additional cost for laundry service unless the poundage exceeds our standard offering.

INFORM YOUR CAMPERS NOT TO SEND HEAVY ITEMS TO THE LAUNDRY

Our counselors will keep an eye on this too, but campers should avoid sending in blankets, sleeping bags, and other heavy items that could wait to be laundered at home.

MAKE SURE CAMPERS SEND IN ONLY THEIR OWN LAUNDRY

Again, our staff will try to police this as well, but campers need to make sure only their laundry is going in their laundry bag. Because of the way the laundry is done (1 camper, 1 washer, 1 dryer), Susie could be charged for someone else’s laundry if another camper’s article arrives at the laundromat in Susie’s laundry bag. Our office staff will watch the charges and will notify the Director and/or counselor if a notably high charge comes in for someone’s laundry. In that case, parents may be notified as well.

LEAVE EXPENSIVE BELONGINGS AT HOME!

The beauty of camp is that fashion is irrelevant. Here we’re liberated from the burden of having to be “in style.” By bringing expensive clothes, you’re only running the risk of losing them or having them destroyed. We think it’s best to bring clothes that won’t upset you should they happen to get worn-out or misplaced over the course of the summer. Let’s be honest. Clothes get dirty at camp, sometimes real dirty. Up at 7 AM, campers spend a full 14 hours horseback riding, climbing, hiking, cooking by campfire, playing in the creek, helping in the pet farm, and camping out. Though we stress cleanliness, good grooming, and hygiene, it’s important that the campers are free to learn and play without worrying about frayed hems, grass-stained elbows, or soiled socks. Thrift stores, outlets, sales, and the like are great places to stock up on camp clothing if you need to, but clothing they’re soon to grow out of is also an option, too!

DRESS CODE

The purpose of the FPC Dress Code policy is to ensure that all campers and staff are able to have the best time at camp without having to worry about what they're wearing. Usual play clothes - jeans, t-shirts, shorts - are what we wear at camp; Camp is not a runway or a place to show off your fancy clothes. Clothing that you can comfortably move in, participate in activities in, and feel confident and good about yourself are all great things to wear at camp.

There may be some articles of clothing that we may ask you to bring that you maybe aren't used to wearing. This is mostly to do with safety and practicality concerns. For example, we require all campers and staff to wear t-shirts that have sleeves (i.e. no tank tops or spaghetti straps). This is for sun protection, as days in the mountains can be VERY sunny! We ask that swimming costumes are practical for high-energy play: a one-piece bathing suit or comfortable-length board shorts are better suited for attempting to stand up on the rolling log in the pool than a bikini or super short swim trunks would be. We wouldn't ask you to pack certain items if we didn't have a good reason for it!

While our staff works hard to enforce our standard of dress, we try not to make it our only focus. All campers and staff should be able to dress comfortably for camp and engage in activities without fear of actual unnecessary discipline or body shaming. What we don't want to happen is for our clothing requirements to reinforce or increase marginalization or oppression of any group based on race, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, cultural observance, household income, or body type/size, and our dress code policy shall be enforced consistently.

At the end of the day, FPC expects all campers, staff, and visitors will dress in a way that is appropriate for camp & participation in our activities. The last thing we want is for both the individual and those around them to feel uncomfortable due to clothing choices. All campers and staff should understand that they are responsible for managing their own appearance without regulating another individual's clothing/self-expression. With all of us working together to uphold our standards, we hope to maintain a focus on what truly matters: having the best time ever at camp!



STUFF TO LEAVE AT HOME

Camp provides its own entertainment and stimulation. If any unsuitable items, not limited to the list below, are brought to camp, they are locked safely in the camp office until departure time.

- ✘ Food or gum
- ✘ Extra cash
- ✘ Good jewelry
- ✘ Large & dangling earrings
- ✘ Heavy makeup
- ✘ Hair heat tools (e.g. hair dryer or flat iron)
- ✘ Aerosol spray cans
- ✘ Expensive toys/clothing
- ✘ Any battery, electrical, or gas powered items or devices (except flashlights or fans!)
- ✘ Vapes, Juuls, cigarettes, lighters, alcohol, pornography, or any other contraband
- ✘ Firearms, ALL knives, hand axes
- ✘ Electronic equipment of ANY sort: cell phones, computers, MP3 players, video games, radios, TVs, hand-held video game consoles, electronic books (e.g. Kindles)
- ✘ Clothing or items that display alcohol, drugs, swear words, political affiliations, or any controversial or inappropriate messages
- ✘ “Questionable taste” items of any sort

PLEASE CALL US IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT NOT TO BRING!



GREAT CLOTHING ITEMS TO BRING TO CAMP:



T-shirts



leggings



comfortable-length shorts



basketball shorts



crocs & closed-toe water shoes



Hiking Boots



Sneakers & Tennis shoes



one-piece swimsuits



comfortable-length swim or board shorts

Tankinis & rash guards



CLOTHING YOU SHOULD LEAVE AT HOME:



spaghetti strap shirts

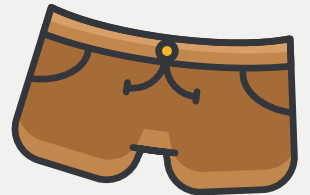


crop tops



Sleeveless shirts or tank tops

Shorts that ride too high or too low



Shorts that won't be comfortable in a challenge harness

sandals, including tevas, chacos, & birkenstocks



flip flops

any open-toed shoes



bikinis



swim shorts that are too short or tight

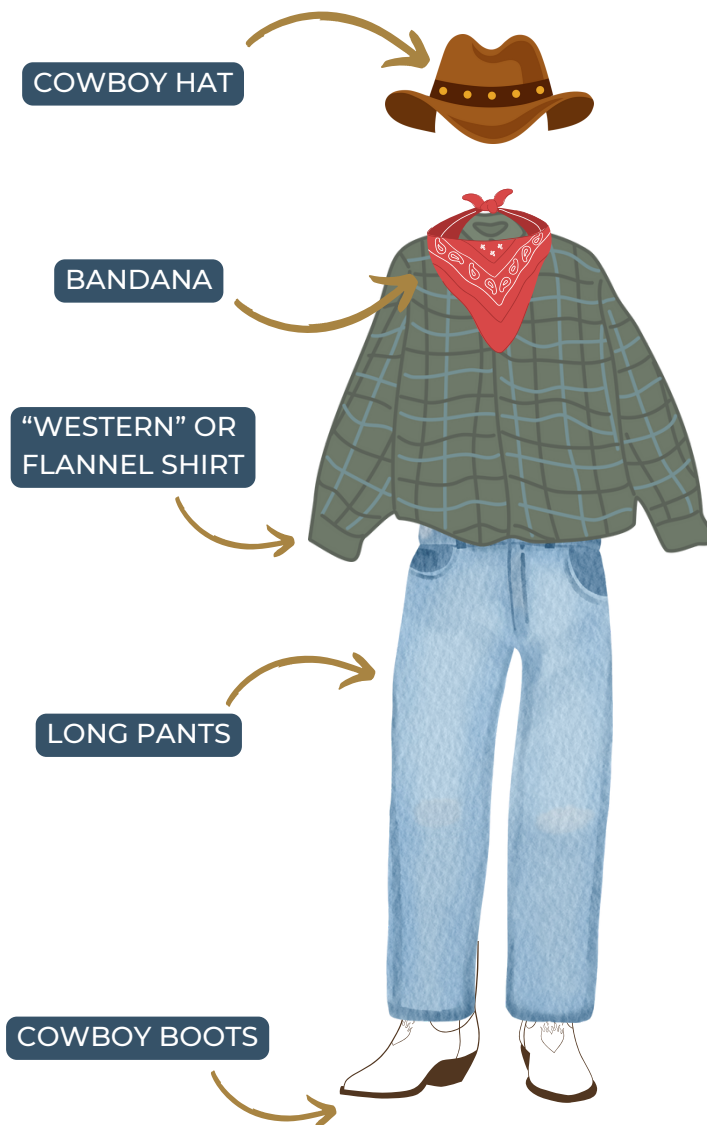




HOW TO DRESS FOR RENDEZVOUS

All campers and staff will participate in our Rendezvous ceremony, a recognition ceremony at the end of each week. Rendezvous is one of the oldest and most solemn traditions at Friendly Pines. We have a standard of dress for campers and staff to honor this tradition.

The theme of the ceremony is a mix of “Pioneer,” “Mountain Man,” “Old West,” and the like. See below our suggestions and required articles for proper Rendezvous attire. Don’t spend a fortune on the best Rendezvous duds, but we do expect everyone to adhere to our ceremony “uniform.”



Campers should bring a cowboy hat with them, but we do have some loaners available. Counselors will wear raccoon-skin hats.

FPC will provide loaner bandanas; the color will correspond to the camper’s village (i.e., age group).

Not required, but a long-sleeve shirt is nice to have on those cooler camp evenings.

Long pants are required, and we do not have loaners available. Campers should pack long pants (denim is preferable but not required) even if they do not plan to sign up for any horseback riding activities.

Completely optional, but why not round out the whole look! Any shoe though must be closed-toed.



HOW TO USE THE PACKING LIST

Mark
EVERYTHING
with child's full
name

Yes, that means every item your child brings - not just clothing! Don't forget to label luggage too for easy ID on arrival & departure days

We suggest either a permanent marking pen, such as a "Sharpie", or iron-on labels. *Note: if you choose an iron-on gummed tape, be sure it is of high enough quality to withstand multiple washings and commercial dryers.*

Write **ON** the
"check-list"
how many of
each article
you are
sending as you
pack it

You'll need to print a hard copy packing list for EACH camper

Do not overlook marking and listing clothing and other items worn or carried to camp! Think hats, shoes, etc. that campers wear the day of arrival.

We have suggested next to each item the recommended amount you should pack. This is based on our estimation of what the average camper would need per week of camp (*with two-weekers getting their laundry done halfway through their session*)

PACK the
completed
list **IN** the
camper's bag

Each camper's list should be packed in their own luggage.

Counselors will be looking for these completed lists when they unpack their campers. 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.



2024 CAMPER PACKING LIST

CLOTHING

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___ COWBOY HAT/BALL CAP (1-2 hats)
Cowboy Hat required for special camp ceremonies. Baseball cap or sun visor optional.

___ JEANS/PANTS/LEGGINGS (3-4 pairs)
REQUIRED for horseback riding, and jeans are preferable; must be full length and go all the way to the ankle. Still should pack even if your camper does not plan to ride for use in camp ceremonies.

___ JACKET OR SWEATSHIRT (At least 2)

___ PAJAMAS (2-3 sets)

___ PONCHO OR RAINCOAT (At least 1)
NECESSARY for camp, we swear! We will get summer rain storms, particularly in July.

___ SHORTS (5-7 pairs)

___ SOCKS (9-10 pairs)

___ SWIMSUIT (1-2 suits)
Please keep midriffs covered: one-pieces, tankinis, rash guards are best. Swim shorts should also be a comfortable length

___ T-SHIRTS (7-8 tops)
Please, no tank tops, spaghetti straps, or crop tops; shoulders should be covered

___ UNDERGARMENTS (At least 9-10)
Underwear, bras, undershirts, etc.

BED & BATH

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___ BATH TOWEL (2)

___ BEACH TOWEL (1)
For use at pool for swimming and lake for canoeing

___ HAND SANITIZER (1-2)
Personal, portable size recommended

___ PILLOW (1)

___ PILLOW CASE (2)

___ SLEEPING BAG (1)
REQUIRED for the Overnight campout!

___ SUNSCREEN (1)
SPF 30 or greater recommended

___ TOILETRIES
(Tip: highlight what you do pack from this list!): Toothbrush , toothpaste , dental floss , body wash , shampoo , conditioner , comb, hair brush , deodorant , face cleanser/wipes, glasses, contact lenses and solution, nail clippers, period products , bug spray , shaving supplies, etc.

FOOTWEAR

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___ SNEAKERS/TENNIS SHOES (2 pairs)
Closed-toed only, please! Hiking boots optional

___ WATERFRONT SHOES (1 pair)
Closed-toed only, please!

EQUIPMENT & ACCESSORIES

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___ FLASHLIGHT OR HEADLAMP (1-2)
Don't forget batteries !

___ LAUNDRY BAG (1)

___ CAMP CUP OR PLASTIC CUP (1)
For drinking water in the cabin, rinsing after brushing teeth

___ WATER BOTTLE (1-2)
ESSENTIAL! All campers should have one or two bottles and will be reminded to stay hydrated!

___ WRITING PAPER/ENVELOPES/STAMPS
As much as you'd like to bring! Campers will be provided with one postcard + postcard stamp per week.

CAMP USE ONLY:

COUNSELOR:

CABIN:

CAMPER FIRST NAME: _____

CAMPER LAST NAME: _____

SESSION(S): _____

PRINT A HARD COPY OF THIS LIST & PACK COMPLETED FORM IN CAMPER'S LUGGAGE!

SEPARATE LIST & SEPARATE LUGGAGE FOR EACH CAMPER PLEASE!
PLEASE MARK **EVERYTHING** - NOT JUST CLOTHES!

LAUNDRY SERVICE

Please make your selection below and sign/date. If you **do not** complete the below, we will assume you WANT laundry service. Laundry service is not available to one-week campers.

*AS A REMINDER: LAUNDRY SERVICE IS NOT PROVIDED FOR **ONE**-WEEK CAMPERS.*

YES. I've read 'All the Dirt' on Laundry and I **do** wish for the camp to arrange laundry service for my child. I understand that charges for laundry will be added to my camper's store account.

NO. I've read 'All the Dirt' on Laundry and I **do not** wish for the camp to arrange laundry service for my child. I've sent adequate clothing and supplies for his/her stay at camp. My camper(s) is aware of my decision.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE

"BRING IF YOU WANT TO" ITEMS

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___ CAMERA (1)

Disposable is best, but digital cameras are permitted, so long as it cannot connect to the internet (phones or iPods for camera purposes are not allowed). There are a limited # of outlets in each cabin to charge digital camera batteries.

___ ROUND DANCE CLOTHING

It is not vital to have dance night duds, but some of the children seem to like them. No opened-toed shoes, please!

___ BLANKET (1)

___ FREE TIME SUPPLIES

Games & equipment to use with cabin mates during free-time like a football, deck of cards, friendship bracelet supplies, frisbee, stickers, coloring books & crayons, etc.

___ SHEETS + COMFORTER (2 sets)

Some campers like to use a fitted sheet under the sleeping bag. Others like to use sheets & a comforter in the cabin and save the sleeping bag for the overnight. Our bunk beds will fit twin sized bedding.

___ RIDING BOOTS &/OR HELMET (1 pair; 1)

(Camp has plenty of loaners). For Western/English riding. Must have a smooth sole and a pronounced heel; cowboy boots are great.

___ SPECIAL DAY THEME OUTFITS/PROPS

Special Day themes will be announced before camp starts.

___ SHOWER SHOES (1 pair)

Flip flops are okay inside the cabin ONLY. Flip flops cannot be worn to the additional external bathhouses or anytime camper is not inside their cabin.

___ BOOK & COSTUME DONATIONS

Any outgrown books for camp library? Or costumes for our Drama Shed?

ITEMS BROUGHT, NOT LISTED

Please list anything that doesn't fit below on the back of this sheet.

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= ITEM AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN FPC CAMP STORE