ALL THE DIRT ON LAUNDRY

2-WEEK CAMPERS ONLY



Two-week campers have the option of having their laundry done during their stay. Laundry service is not available for one-week campers. FPC will cover the first **$20** of laundry. Any charges beyond that will be applied to your camper's store account. Our laundry provider charges approximately **$1.75** per pound, and campers typically send out **10–15 lbs**. of laundry per session. Laundry goes out once, usually over the middle weekend, and campers will still return home with about a week's worth of dirty clothes.

It's important to understand how the laundry service works (unless you decline it entirely). All of the girls' laundry is sent out on **Friday and Saturday**, and all of the boys' laundry is sent on **Sunday**. Inside each cabin's group laundry bag, every camper's clothes must be packed in their **own labeled laundry bag**. Once cleaned, clothes are returned in individually sorted packages — **but only if each item is clearly marked with the camper's name**.

Any unmarked laundry is returned to the camp office, and we do our best to match items to their owners. This works most of the time, but many younger campers can't always recognize their own jeans or socks — and missing items often go unnoticed until departure day.

Below are tips that can help you avoid lost items and unexpected laundry charges:

LABEL EVERYTHING

This cannot be overstated — label all clothing plus towels, bathrobes, sleeping bags, hats, shoes, flashlights, and water bottles. If your camper might lose it, mark it. Even if you're not using the laundry service, labeling helps — especially during packing and check-out.

USE LAUNDRY-SAFE MARKERS OR LABELS

Waterproof Sharpies or name-label systems are best. Anything else may wash out.

MATCH LABEL TO FABRIC COLOR

Don't write in black ink on dark clothing! Use white iron-on or sew-in labels, or a white laundry marker for black garments.

LABEL CLOTHES WHERE IT'S EASY TO SEE

We strongly recommend marking the **inside neck, back of waistband,** or **waistband of pants** — places laundry staff can find easily. Mark socks on the foot or toe, and attach labels to towels, pillowcases, and blankets near the edge.
Avoid hiding the name somewhere "discreet." If laundry staff can't find it quickly, it may not make it back to your camper. A good rule: if you'd need a treasure map to find the name, it's not a good spot.

HAVE AN ADULT DO THE LABELING

While it's great for campers to help pack, we recommend adults do the actual labeling. A missed item or rushed job can mean things don't come home.

NO HEAVY ITEMS IN THE LAUNDRY

Our staff will watch for sleeping bags, heavy blankets, or large towels in the laundry. These should only be washed if necessary, since they're often bulky and expensive to clean.

SEND ONLY THEIR OWN LAUNDRY

Campers need to double-check that only their items are in their own bag. If another camper's items end up in their bag, your camper may be charged for the extra weight.
We do monitor for this, but if something unusual shows up, the Director or counselor will follow up with you.

LEAVE THE FANCY STUFF AT HOME

Camp isn't the place for fancy or fragile clothing. Campers spend hours riding, hiking, climbing, cooking over fires, and generally getting dirty.
We recommend thrift store finds or items your camper can outgrow without stress. They'll return with memories and dirt — not a perfectly folded wardrobe.

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.

