

Winter Camp Packing List

We can't ever be sure what to expect regarding weather so please plan on getting all the gear listed in this packet. The weather has been extremely different from one year to the next; we had a year that was sunny and 55 degrees, one that rained the entire weekend, one where we had enough snow that everything was super muddy and another where we were almost knee deep in snow and it was 11 degrees while we waited in line outside to go in for breakfast. Please read through the packing list carefully and borrow anything you don't think you'll use again rather than spend money on it.

The packing list is a combination of the camp's recommendations and items I think we'll need from my many, many years of camping in Prescott. The list might seem long and even a little excessive since we're only going to be gone two nights, but if we get to play in the snow (or the mud), the kids will be soaked! Please make sure they have plenty of warm clothes and an extra pair of shoes.

As we get closer to camp time and have a better idea of what to expect from the weather, I will let you know about things on the list that MAY be skipped. Until then, **PLEASE, DO NOT DISREGARD ANYTHING ON THE LIST!** Every year, without fail, a child has needed something from their list they (or their parents) chose not to pack.

MUST HAVE ITEMS:

- Prescription medications and/or inhalers with dispensing instructions (Please have these in a Ziploc bag out and ready to be turned in upon check-in Friday. All meds are turned into the nurse's office when we get to camp and they dispense them as directed.)
- Heavy Coat - Be sure it's okay if it gets wet in case we get to play in the snow! :)
- Gloves (2 pairs - in case they get too wet)
- Umbrella, poncho or rain coat (Rain up north can come on unexpectedly sometimes so better safe than soaked and cold.) I recommend the ponchos that can be purchased for \$1 in the camping section at Walmart because they are small, lightweight, easy to pack, and get put on over the kids' backpacks so everything is protected.
- Long sleeve-shirts & pants - two per day
- Socks & underwear - two pair per day
- Shoes - tennis shoes/boots (closed toes) - 2 pairs (Be sure they are shoes for heavy activity and won't be ruined if they get wet - we will be hiking through the camp, up and down hills, possibly in the rain, mud or snow.)
- Warm PJ's
- Sunscreen AND lip balm -SPF 15 or higher (we will be outside 90% of the time)
- Hygiene Items: Toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, brush and/or comb
- Feminine hygiene items (if appropriate)
- Pillow & Sleeping bag OR twin sheets & 3 or 4 blankets (Place bedding items in a large trash bag labeled with your child's name. When we load/unload, everything ends up on the ground and we ended up with some muddy pillows/blankets last year. Send an extra bag for the ride home in case the first one rips.)
- Laundry bag with name on it - a trash bag works great! (Gotta keep those wet, dirty clothes off the clean dry ones)
- Flashlight and extra batteries (we are outside hiking during night activities)
- Refillable water bottle with a shoulder strap OR one that will fit and NOT LEAK in their backpack (I cannot stress enough the importance of a refillable water bottle. EVERY year we have at least one kiddo get sick from dehydration.)
- Bible, notebook, pens/pencils (for quiet time with God)
- Backpack/Bag to carry stuff around camp (PLEASE make sure your kiddo brings something he/she can use to carry their stuff in while we are outside of the cabins. It is too far to go back to the cabins to drop off or pick up things needed during the day. We pack our bags in the morning with everything we need for the day.)

MIGHT NEED ITEMS:

If you think your child will shower while we're away, please send appropriate hygiene items. Some kids don't shower away from home, which is totally fine, but if they do make sure they have what they need:

- 1 washcloth & bath towel
- Shower shoes - flip-flops to wear going to/from/in the shower
- Shampoo, conditioner, soap
- Plastic bag/bucket to take items to showers
- Blow dryer (if needed - don't want kids getting sick with cold, wet hair)

NICE TO HAVE ITEMS:

- Spending Money for: Hungry Bear Snack & Gift Shop (Probably not more than \$20)
- Camera
- Stuffed animal
- Book
- Sunglasses

MUST NOT HAVE ITEMS:

Electronic devices such as: CD Players, Radios, Electronic Games, iPods, Cell Phones, etc.

Drugs Other than Prescription, Tobacco, Firearms or Fireworks, Alcohol, Weapons of any kind

None of these are allowed on the grounds and if brought will be taken away and NOT returned!

Campers should understand that violation of these rules may result in the contact of parents/guardians with the possibility of being sent home.