



SUMMER CAMP - PIONEER PACKING LIST

ALL CAMPERS - each camper should have the following items with them, plus the additional items that are trip specific (chart below). It may be necessary to adjust quantities slightly based on length of your camper's outtrips.

CLOTHING

- Rain jacket** (durable, 100% waterproof)
- Rain pants** (durable, 100% waterproof)
- 13-day supply of underwear
- 13-day supply of socks (*wool preferred, especially for out-trips*)
- 4 pairs of long pants (*2 must be synthetic*)
- 4 pairs of shorts (*2 must be synthetic*)
- 7 t-shirts (*3 must be synthetic or wool*)
- 3 long sleeve shirts (*1 must be synthetic or wool*)
- 2 warm sweaters (fleece or wool)
- 2 pair base layer (top and bottoms) (*synthetic*)
- 2 pair pajamas
- 1 bathing suit

GEAR

- Day pack (school bags are usually a good fit)**
- 2 1-litre water bottles** (consider a camelback style in additional to a single water bottle)
- Warm sleeping bag** (rated 0° to -7°C) (synthetic preferred)
- Sleeping bag compression sac** (will compress the sleeping bag so it takes up less space)
- Sleeping pad**
- Pillow and blanket (for extra warmth and for closing ceremony)
- Laundry bag
- 2 towels (one for showers, one for swimming)
- Sturdy shoes (running shoes or hiking boots)**
- Sandals
- Rubber boots**
- Sun hat
- Headlamp (and extra set of batteries)
- Warm toque and mitts
- Sunglasses**
- Plastic plate, cup, utensils

TOILETRIES

Tip: a labeled zip lock bag works well for storing toiletries

- Sunscreen, lip balm, insect repellent
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Soap, shampoo, and conditioner (small bottles are best)
- Comb or brush
- Deodorant

Bolded and italicized items are essential for camp success – make sure that these are good quality to ensure camper comfort and safety

Why SYNTHETIC or WOOL?

Quality trip clothing is essential, synthetic and wool items are better wicking, dry faster, or stay warm when wet. Consider a full set (pants, shirt, sweater, socks) to wear each day on trip, PLUS a second set that will stay dry in campers' packs. Cotton clothing, however, pulls heat from your body when wet and takes longer to dry and is not acceptable as out-trip clothing.

Not sure where to start? Mountain Equipment Co-op(MEC) has a wide selection of outdoor adventure specific clothing and gear that is affordable. Other places, including Spirit West/Outdoor Approach, MEC and U of C, also rent gear and can give you a good idea of what works best for you and your camper.

Weather: Campers participate in activities and outtrips in a variety of weather – Summer can range from hot, sunny, and dry to cold, wet or even snowy weather.

Tip: packing clothing items that can be layered is a great way to keep your camper happy and in both hot and cool weather

Look on the next page for items that are specific for each trip, remember that they will participate in both a hike and canoe trip on main-site OR a hike trip and horse experiences at Gray Jay.



TRIP SPECIFIC - in addition to what is listed page 1, please pack the items listed below that match your camper's outtrips (either hike/canoe or hike/horse). **All items, in those 2 columns, are required.**

CANOE	HIKE	HORSE
<input type="checkbox"/> Dry bag(s)*** OR pack with 6 strong garbage bags (to line packs to keep belongings dry) (70-80L) <input type="checkbox"/> Light-coloured, light fabric long sleeve shirt <input type="checkbox"/> River shoes: sturdy, strapped, closed toed sandals or old runners. <input type="checkbox"/> Camp Shoes (closed toe – kept dry, used around camp during set up and cooking) <input type="checkbox"/> OPTIONAL: neoprene gloves and/or socks	<input type="checkbox"/> Hiking pack (70-80L)* <input type="checkbox"/> 6 strong garbage bags (to line packs) <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking Boots** <input type="checkbox"/> Additional compression sac for clothing items <input type="checkbox"/> Camp shoes (closed toe – used around camp during set up, cooking etc) <input type="checkbox"/> OPTIONAL: Hiking poles	<input type="checkbox"/> Riding/rain/hiking boots that have a ½" heel <input type="checkbox"/> Light-coloured, light fabric long sleeve shirt <input type="checkbox"/> Riding pants (jeans are acceptable)

***HOW TO PICK THE RIGHT PACK**

- ✓ Dry Bag and Backpack sizes listed here are only a starting point: try testing it out at home: Campers are **required to carry their own sleeping bag, pad, and clothing, as well as a few items of group gear**
- ✓ **Ensure that the pack fits your camper** – things to consider are the height, the waist strap, and how adjustable all the straps are.
- ✓ The ideal pack weighs about 40% of your weight – and with the right fit, that weight will land on the hips
- ✓ Check that your camper is able to pack and adjust the backpack themselves – it will be useful when they arrive to camp and for future trips

*****DRY BAGS**

- ✓ Dry bags are a great alternative to a regular pack. They come in a variety of sizes and styles – fold top dry bags are easy to use and much more affordable than backpack styles.
- ✓ A good idea might be to have 2 dry bags, one small (10-15L) to store essential day items (like rain gear, a snack, sunscreen, etc) and a larger pack to keep clothing and sleeping gear dry. Again, testing and creating a packing system at home is a helpful way to make sure that bags fit everything needed for a trip

****HIKING BOOTS**

- ✓ Campers will need sturdy boots to wear each day over uneven and rough terrain on the out-trip – should be waterproof (with wax or by design)
- ✓ Boots should be broken in before coming to camp, which you can do by wearing them for 5 or more days prior to coming to camp. Doing this will allow the boots to form to their feet and blisters will be less likely.



OPTIONAL:	PLEASE LEAVE AT HOME:
<input type="checkbox"/> Camera (disposable recommended) <input type="checkbox"/> Bug net (for tipis) <input type="checkbox"/> Books and word puzzles for bedtime or downtime	<input type="checkbox"/> Electronics (cell phones, iPods, Tablets, E-Readers*, gaming devices, etc.) *E-Readers are permitted with wifi/internet options turned off. Camp is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen items. <input type="checkbox"/> Jewelry <input type="checkbox"/> Candy or other food items <input type="checkbox"/> Money <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-tool and Swiss Army Knives**Permitted for Kananaskin, Pioneer & Leadership campers.

FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

TIPS and TRICKS!	LOST AND FOUND
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Plastic bins or hockey bags are great for organizing clothes and keeping them dry and secure in the tipi ✓ Label all items with name and last initial ✓ Campers love mailing notes home! Send your camper with envelopes that are self-addressed with stamps and paper ✓ Play with your gear: get to know how to pack and adjust your backpack, find out if your rain jacket has secret pockets for lip balm, or see how fast you can stuff and compress your sleeping bag 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Brand new clothes are often the items that campers leave behind – send clothes that they have worn many times so they recognize them in the lost & found ✓ Please consider keeping expensive valuables and other items that would be greatly missed at home. Camp Chief Hector YMCA is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen items ✓ Send a list of all items packed so your camper can double check the list as they pack to go home ✓ Lost and Found will be kept until September – there are 2 days of Lost and Found viewing when you can come look for your child’s items at Camp <p style="color: red; text-align: center;">Sundays: September 10 & 17 from 2-4PM</p>

Other information available on our website

- Homesickness and Preparing for Camp
- Safety and Risk Management
- Communicating with Your Camper
- Camper Medical Information (including medications) and Transportation at CampFax Family Zone*

*Your camper’s details must be entered into Family Zone at least 2 weeks before your child starts camp

Questions?

Please contact Anja Vreeker or our registration office if you have questions about these programs or what to pack.

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