



**LEADERSHIP PACKING LIST**

All camper should have the following items with them, plus the additional trip specific items.

**Bolded items are essential for campers' success**

CLOTHING	GEAR	TOILETRIES
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Rain jacket</b> (durable and waterproof) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Rain pants</b> (durable and waterproof) <input type="checkbox"/> 27-day supply of underwear <input type="checkbox"/> 27-day supply of socks (include <b>3+ pairs wool or synthetic hiking socks</b> ) <input type="checkbox"/> 4 pairs of long pants (2 pairs synthetic hiking or athletic pants) <input type="checkbox"/> 4 pairs shorts (1 pair synthetic hiking or athletic shorts) <input type="checkbox"/> 7 T-shirts (3 synthetic t-shirts) <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Long-sleeved shirts (1 synthetic or wool) <input type="checkbox"/> 2 warm sweaters (fleece or wool) <input type="checkbox"/> 2 pair base layer (top and bottoms) <input type="checkbox"/> 2 pair pajamas <input type="checkbox"/> 1 swim suit	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Day pack</b> (school bags are usually a good fit) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Two 1-litre water bottles</b> (no glass) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Warm sleeping bag</b> (rated 0° to -7°C) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Sleeping bag compression sac</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Sleeping pad</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pillow <input type="checkbox"/> Blanket (for extra warmth and for closing ceremony) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Headlamp</b> with spare batteries <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic <b>bowl</b> (ideally with a locking lid for taking lunches on trail), cup/thermos, <b>utensils</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Hiking Boots</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Additional <b>compression sac</b> for clothing items <input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 Towels (shower and swim) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Sturdy shoes</b> (running shoes or <b>hiking boots</b> ) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Sandals</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Rubber boots <input type="checkbox"/> Camp shoes (closed-toe – used around camp on expedition during set-up, cooking, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Sun hat</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Warm <b>toque</b> and mitts <input type="checkbox"/> Puffy jacket or other warm jacket <input type="checkbox"/> Wrist watch <input type="checkbox"/> Pencil case with writing utensils (for credit program work)	<p><i>Tip: a labeled zip lock bag works well for storing toiletries</i></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen (non-aerosol), sunglasses, <b>lip balm with SPF</b> , insect repellent <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush and toothpaste <input type="checkbox"/> Soap, shampoo, and conditioner (small bottles are best) <input type="checkbox"/> Comb or brush <input type="checkbox"/> Deodorant <input type="checkbox"/> Menstrual supplies if needed <input type="checkbox"/> Personal medications (please leave medications in their original packaging and pack them in a ziploc bag labelled with your camper's name to be signed in at check-in)

**FOCUS SPECIFIC** - In addition to what is listed above, please include the items listed for your camper's chosen option.

HIKE	MOUNTAIN ARTS	CANOE	CAMP GRAY JAY
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Hiking Pack (80L)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking poles <input type="checkbox"/> Pack cover <input type="checkbox"/> Nylon socks (to be worn under hiking socks to prevent blisters) OPTIONAL: - Pack liners/dry bags - Gaiters	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Hiking Pack (80L)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Digital camera (Camp Chief Hector YMCA is not responsible for lost, broken or stolen items.) OPTIONAL: - Personal art supplies - Items on the HIKE list	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Waterproof Pack System (total 70-80L)</b> <b>A) Dry bag(s)</b> (preferred) <b>B) Pack with strong garbage bags to line</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Light-coloured, light cotton long-sleeved shirt and pants <input type="checkbox"/> River shoes (sturdy, strapped, closed-toed sandals or old runners) OPTIONAL: - Neoprene gloves and/or socks	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>HIKE list plus:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Riding boots or boots with a ½" heel <input type="checkbox"/> Riding pants (jeans are acceptable) <input type="checkbox"/> Light-coloured long sleeved cotton shirt

OPTIONAL:	PLEASE LEAVE AT HOME:
<input type="checkbox"/> Fleece pants <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-tools <input type="checkbox"/> Camera <input type="checkbox"/> Bug net (for tipis) <input type="checkbox"/> Books and word puzzles for bedtime or downtime <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-addressed, pre-stamped envelopes, paper and pen	<input type="checkbox"/> Electronics (cell phones, iPods, gaming devices, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Jewelry <input type="checkbox"/> Candy or other food items <input type="checkbox"/> Money



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT				
WEATHER	WHY SYNTHETIC & WOOL	CHOOSING A PACK	HIKING BOOTS	DRY BAGS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Activities and expeditions are rain or shine</li> <li>✓ Summer weather can be hot, sunny, and dry OR cold, wet, and snowy</li> <li>✓ Pack clothing items that can be layered for comfort in all weather</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Quality gear is essential to your camper's comfort</li> <li>✓ Better at wicking sweat</li> <li>✓ Dry faster</li> <li>✓ Stay warmer when wet</li> <li>✓ Cotton pulls heat from the body when wet and takes a long time to dry</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Pack sizes listed here are a guideline – test it at home to make sure your sleeping bag, sleeping pad, and expedition clothing fit with room to spare for group gear and food.</li> <li>✓ Consider buying a pack your camper can grow into over several years</li> <li>✓ Visit REI's <a href="#">blog</a> for more info on how to choose a pack</li> <li>✓ Consider how you can keep gear dry – sending along strong garbage bags and/or a durable rain cover are both good options</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Essential for covering uneven or rough terrain on expedition.</li> <li>✓ Break them in before coming to camp by wearing them for 5 or more days. Breaking boots in helps to prevent blisters</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Fold top dry bags are easy to use and much more affordable than backpack styles.</li> <li>✓ A good system is to use two 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</li> </ul>
<p><b>Not sure where to start?</b> Mountain Equipment Co-op (MEC) has a wide selection of outdoor adventure specific clothing and gear that is affordable. Other places, including MEC and University of Calgary – Outdoor Centre also rent gear and can give you a good idea of what works best for you, your camper, and your budget. You can also borrow from friends/older siblings or have a look at thrift stores for wool or synthetic clothing.</p>				

TIPS and TRICKS!	LOST AND FOUND
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Duffle bags, hockey bags, or Rubbermaid bins are great for organizing clothes, and keeping them dry and secure in the tipi (keep in mind campers must carry this to their tipi).</li> <li>✓ <b>Label all items</b> with name and last initial.</li> <li>✓ 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.</li> <li>✓ Consider bringing along a camelback style water system in addition to a water bottle</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Please keep expensive valuables and other items that would be greatly missed at home. Camp Chief Hector YMCA is not responsible for lost, broken or stolen items.</li> <li>✓ Consider sending a list of packed items with your camper that they can double check as they pack to go home.</li> <li>✓ During the session, Lost and Found is placed on a shelf for campers to look at and find their lost items.</li> <li>✓ Lost and Found will be stored until the end of the summer season. You will be invited to attend a Lost and Found day at Shane Homes YMCA at Rocky Ridge in September to have a look for your camper's missing belongings.</li> </ul>

**Additional information is available on our [website](#) :**

- Homesickness and Preparing for Camp
- Camper and Parent Commitments
- Camper Medication Information and Transportation at [Family Zone](#)
  - o Must be completed at least 2 weeks before your child starts camp
- Merchandise
- And more!

**You'll also find more information on our [website](#) and Facebook **about our upcoming events:****

- Information Session
- Sale Night (10% discount) at Mountain Equipment Co-op (MEC)
- Open House

**More questions?**

Please contact Jared Baillie or Anja Vreeker if you have questions about these programs or what to pack.

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