

SURPRISE LAKE CAMP - CLOTHING AND PREPARATION LIST

The list indicates the kind and quantity of items the average camper needs during a 4 week stay at camp. It is meant as a guide, and it is not necessary that a camper have each item in the quantity suggested. It is very important, however, that you have **NAME TAGS ON EACH GARMENT.**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 camp blankets 1 pillow (optional) 4 cot or twin sized sheets
(rubber sheet for bedwetters) 3 pillow cases 8 towels 2 wash cloths 1 bathrobe or beachrobe 1 pair of shower shoes/flip flops 1 heavy sweater or jacket 1 pair of sturdy shoes for hikes 2 pairs of sneakers (one for use in gym) 3-4 bathing suits or swim trunks 16 pairs of socks 3 pajamas; 2 light, 1 heavy 4 pairs of jeans or pants 1 light colored, lightweight pair of pants for hikes 1 light colored, lightweight shirt for hikes 16 sets of underwear 10 pair shorts 1 raincoat or poncho with a hood or rain hat 1 pair of waterproof boots 12 t-shirts, 2 white shirts for Shabbat (It is traditional for campers to wear a white shirt for Friday night dinner and services.) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 sweatshirt 3 long sleeve shirts (flannel) 1-2 hats non-disposable water bottle or canteen sunglasses soap, toothpaste, shampoo soap dish comb and brush toothbrush and holder flashlight with extra bulbs & batteries laundry bag musical instrument (check with office) reading material/quiet games posters/decorations for cabin ballpoint pen camera and film (optional) pre-addressed postcards writing paper, envelopes, and stamps softball glove sleeping bag sunscreen insect repellent (nontoxic preferred) |
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BAGGAGE: Each piece of luggage (including sleeping bags and hand luggage) should be tagged with two sturdy name tags (sometimes one comes off in transit) and a piece of paper with your child's name, address, and age should also be placed inside each bag. Because trunks can damage the buses, and because storage of trunks at camp is awkward, we strongly recommend that valises and duffel bags be used and not trunks. If you must use a trunk, you can drive it to camp or ship it via UPS at your own expense. Information about the use of UPS will follow at a later date. Pillows, sleeping bags, etc., should be packed inside something that will protect them from dust and dirt if they are placed on the ground, and they should be labeled just like any other bag. Please help us save our backs! Our staff runs the risk of injury when we move extremely heavy bags. To avoid this, please use more bags rather than one very heavy one.

CLOTHING: **AGAIN, NAME TAGS ON ALL ITEMS ARE A MUST.** We strongly recommend that each camper bring a RAINCOAT or a PONCHO along with a HOOD or RAIN HAT. This item is necessary because activity often continues outside in the rain. Another item that should be included is a water bottle or canteen (one quart is the best size). A personal canteen will decrease the risk of illness as well as the risk of dehydration on a very hot day. For health and safety reasons, a pair of flip-flops or water shoes for showering is highly recommended.

It is customary for campers to wear a white shirt for Friday night dinner and services.

LAUNDRY: Laundry service is provided once each week. It is not recommended for delicate clothing, expensive clothing, or clothing that has never been washed. **Camp is not responsible for clothing that is lost or damaged in the laundry.** We find that younger children tend to run out of clothing a little faster, and you may want to take this into account when packing.

CANTEEN & TRIPS: Mainside: The fee included in the bill covers at least five canteen visits and all trips out of camp. It does not cover spending money for trips. Expenditures are not itemized and unused money is not refunded.

Teenside: The fee included in the bill covers all trips and establishes a \$15 account at the canteen. It does not cover spending money for trips. Any part of the canteen fee that is not used will be refunded, and the canteen account will need to be replenished before expenditures beyond \$15 can be made.

SPENDING MONEY FOR TRIPS: Camp does not provide spending money for trips. The canteen/trip fee above covers all activity fees, transportation, and food, so spending money is not required, but most campers do also bring some cash for souvenirs or snacks. If you would like your child to have spending money, you should give it to him/her before camp. On the first day, the supervisors will collect any money that campers wish to keep in the safe, and you should encourage your child to take advantage of this. We regret that we will not be able to accept spending money directly from parents on Arrival Day since it would slow down the process and since money handled during arrival, when so much is going on, is too easily misplaced. If you have a younger child and are worried that she/he may lose the money, you may mail a check IN ADVANCE labeled "spending money for trips", and your child will then be given cash on the day of the trip. Recommended amounts per session for spending money are: \$5 for Mountainview, \$10 for lower seniors, \$20 for upper seniors, and \$30 for teens, although you may want to provide more for second session upper teens and Work Program since they will go on a two day trip. Please do not send more than the recommended amounts.

ITEMS TO LEAVE HOME: **Your child may be sent home without a refund if s/he brings:** fireworks, drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, matches, weapons, or other dangerous instruments. **The following will be confiscated if they are brought:** cell phones, devices that have touch screens, large fans, TVs, VCRs, stereos, appliances for heating food, camping knives, music with violent, sexual, or profane lyrics, and for Mainside campers only, food of any kind. Food that is confiscated will not be returned. **It is recommended that your child not bring:** make-up, hair dryers, jewelry, expensive clothing, or other expensive electronic games/equipment. Teens who decide to bring food are asked to bring kosher food only out of respect for their bunkmates and to bring an airtight container for storage so that insects and animals will not be attracted.