

SURPRISE LAKE CAMP - CLOTHING AND PREPARATION LIST—MINI CAMP

The list indicates the kind and quantity of items the average camper needs during a 2 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 **labels on everything!**

- 2 camp blankets
- 1 pillow (optional)
- 4 cot or twin sized sheets
(extra sheets for bedwetters)
- 2 pillow cases
- 6 towels
- 2 wash cloths
- 1 bathrobe or beachrobe
- 1 pair of shower shoes/flip flops
- 1 heavy sweater or jacket
- 1 pair sturdy shoes for hikes
- 2 PAIR SNEAKERS (one for use in gym)
- 3-4 bathing suits or swim trunks
- 12 pairs of socks
- 3 pajamas; 2 light, 1 heavy
- 3 pairs of jeans or pants
- 1 light colored, lightweight pair of pants for hikes
- 1 light colored, lightweight shirt for hikes
- 12 sets of underwear
- 5 pairs of shorts
- 1 raincoat or poncho with a hood or rain hat
- 1 pair waterproof boots
- 8 t-shirts, 2 white for Shabbat (It is traditional for campers to wear a white shirt for Friday night dinner and services.)



- 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
- digital camera
- pre-addressed postcards
- writing paper, envelopes, and stamps
- softball glove
- sleeping bag
- sunscreen
- insect repellent, non-toxic preferred

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 suitcases and duffel bags be used and not trunks. If you must use a trunk, you can drive it to camp or ship it. 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. **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 rainhat. 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.

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: There are no additional charges for canteen or trips, except for the upper teen trip second session (\$300) and any teens who exhaust their initial canteen credit of \$15 per session. All other canteen/trip fees have been rolled into the regular camp fee.

Camp does not provide spending money for trips. All activity fees, transportation and food are covered, so spending money is not required, but many campers do 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 the campers wish to keep in the safe, and you should encourage your child to take advantage of this. We regret that we are not able to accept spending money directly from parents on Arrival Day since it slows down the process and pulls focus away from where it needs to be - on the campers.

Recommended amounts per session are: \$10 for Lower Seniors/Mini Camp

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, appliances for heating food, camping knives, music with violent, sexual, or profane lyrics, and food of any kind. Food that is confiscated will not be returned. **It is recommended that your child not bring:** hair dryers, jewelry, expensive clothing, or other expensive electronic games/equipment.