

## Essential Clothing Items

- Raincoat/Poncho or Rain Gear (an absolute necessity!)
- Enough changes of underwear and socks for your length of stay
- A number of short sleeve shirts appropriate to your length of stay
- A number of pairs of shorts appropriate to your length of stay
- Long pants or jeans
- Long sleeve T-shirt
- Sweatshirt or sweater and sweatpants for cool weather
- Pajamas
- Hat
- Swimsuit appropriate for camp (2 if you have 'em)
- Set of clothes and shoes specifically for the "The Mud Slide"
- 1 pair of sturdy, secure fitting shoes that cover your toes for hiking
- 1 pair of secure fitting shoes that cover your toes that can get wet
- 1 pair of sandals/flip-flops shoes for boating or wearing in the shower

## Optional Items

- Small daypack or backpack
- Sunglasses
- Bandana
- Inexpensive or disposable camera
- Paper, pen, pencil, stamps, pre-addressed envelopes
- Fishing pole (Camp Hanover has cane poles you may use)
- Small folding pocket knife with a maximum blade length of 2 1/2"
- Favorite stuffed animal
- Book to read during rest time
- Guitar or other musical instrument

## Things To Leave At Home

- Pets
- Food, snacks or candy
- Alcohol, drugs, tobacco products, firearms and fireworks
- Clothes you wouldn't want to get dirty
- Expensive items, sentimental items, jewelry
- Electronic Items, cell phones, video games, digital music players, e-readers
- Extra spending money, wallets, purses
- Anything which would result in tremendous unhappiness if it were lost, broken, or got dirty

## Other "Must Have" Items

- Bible (It's okay if you don't have one, we have extras)
- Sleeping bag or bed linens and blanket for a single bed
- Pillow & Pillowcase
- Laundry bag for dirty clothes
- Flashlight & Extra Batteries
- Water bottle
- Sunscreen
- Insect Repellent (we prefer lotion or pump sprays)
- Any medications you are taking
- Face masks, if desired.

## Toiletries

- Toothbrush and Toothpaste
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Soap in a container
- Something to carry toiletries in. A mesh bag works well.
- Bath Towel & Washcloth
- Beach Towel to use at the Pool
- Deodorant
- Feminine necessities





# Helpful Packing Tips

## **Pack With Your Child**

Packing with your child is a great opportunity to build excitement about camp and to talk about any anxieties or concerns your child may have about their upcoming camp experience. Plus, you can make sure they pack everything that they need to bring, and leave at home the stuff that should stay at home.

## **Use The “What To Pack” Checklist - At The End Of Camp Too!**

Use the checklist when you pack. Once you are all packed, tuck the checklist in your child’s luggage and instruct them to use it when they pack their stuff up at the end of the week. That way, they have a way to make sure they’ve got everything they came with and are leaving nothing behind.

## **What To Pack Your Stuff In**

Pack your stuff in something that you can carry a short distance from the Parking Area to the Luggage Drop-off Area. We will transport camper luggage from there to the cabin or longhouse for you. Storage space in living quarters is limited. Soft-sided luggage, like a duffel bag or back-pack, that can be easily stuffed under beds or in small spaces is ideal.

## **Label Everything**

Put your child’s first and last name on everything using a permanent marker. Be sure to label your child’s luggage. If your child loses something, it may turn up in Lost and Found. Check Lost and Found when you pick your child at the end of camp. Unclaimed items are disposed of or donated to charity at the end of the summer two weeks after the last camp session ends.

## **Pack Appropriate Attire For Camp**

Pack clothing that is comfortable in hot summer weather, suitable for outdoor play, and has the potential to get wet or dirty. A special shopping trip is usually not needed. Old, well-worn, broken-in clothes and shoes are optimal. Campers should not pack suggestive or revealing outfits nor articles of clothing that promote alcohol, tobacco, drug use, sexual behavior or contains inappropriate language.

## **A Note About Swimsuits**

We prefer that campers wear swimsuits that are comfortable and will stay in place during camp activities. Campers may wear T-shirts in the pool over their swimsuits if they would feel more comfortable doing so.

## **Pack For The Mud Slide**

The Mud Slide is a classic camp activity that has been a popular fixture at Camp Hanover for over 50 years. For your ride down the Mud Slide, you’ll want to pack shoes, shorts and a shirt to wear that you can toss afterwards. The mud (and the somewhat unpleasant smell of the mud) will never come out, no matter how many times you run your clothes through laundry.

## **If You Are Bringing Medications To Camp**

All medications (prescription, non-prescription and over-the-counter) remain with and are dispensed by our Healthcare Staff. Please pack your medications separately from your luggage so you will be able to easily access them and turn them into the Healthcare Staff during Check-In.

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