

2026 BAGGAGE GUIDE

We prefer all domestic camper bags be shipped to camp. When bags arrive before you do, it helps everyone settle in more quickly!

Duffles are typically oversized and overweight — airlines charge hefty fees for them. Shipping is often more economical, especially with a business account. Families are responsible for arranging and paying for all bag shipping to and from camp.

WHAT TO BUY

- Purchase **wheel-free duffle bags** — wheels add weight and often break in transit
- Recommended: REI 140L duffle or similar
- All bags need **Camp Thunderbird baggage tags** — new families receive them in spring
- Maximum of **2 bags** per camper (1 for clothes, 1 for bedding/extras)

WHEN TO SHIP

Plan for bags to take **5–8 business days** to arrive. Bemidji does not offer weekend delivery — plan accordingly.

Session	Ship TO Camp	Ship FROM Camp
Full Season & Session 1	June 9–12	July 10
Session 2	July 8–10	August 7
Full Season (end)	—	August 7

SHIPPING OPTIONS

Chicago Families

Bag pick-up and drop-off service available. Book at:

<https://camptbird.wufoo.com/forms/z1tqnce9090vpze/>

Pick-up near Evanston — location and dates forthcoming. Parents are responsible for drop-off and pick-up of camper bags.

All Other Cities — ShipCamp (Preferred)

ShipCamp is our official shipping partner. They collect bags from your doorstep, provide real-time tracking, and send shipping tags in advance. Return labels are sent directly to camp.

- Website: shipcamps.com/campthunderbird
- Phone: (855) 540-2267

FedEx or UPS

If dropping a duffel at a store, be aware they sometimes require it shipped in a box. We prefer not to store boxes at camp as there is no suitable dry, unused space.

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Airline Drop-Off

For international families and director-approved cases only. All bags on planes must have Camp Thunderbird luggage tags — other camps open on our dates, so this is critical for our staff to correctly identify your camper's bags.

International Families

International families may place camper bags on the flight. We will collect bags at the carousel and deliver them to camp. We will provide bedding, camping gear, and other items — a highlighted list of provided items will be shared.

ENTERING BAGGAGE INFO IN CampInTouch

- How many bags are they bringing to/from camp? (2 bags max)
- What service is bringing the bags? (ShipCamp, FedEx, UPS, airline, bus, or car)