

CAMP THUNDERBIRD



PACKING CHECKLIST



CLOTHES



- 4 Pairs of long pants (1 pair of jeans for blacksmith)
- 6 Pairs of shorts (recommend at least 2 quick-dry)
- 10 T-shirts (2 must be Camp Thunderbird)
- 4 Long-sleeve shirts
- 2 Sweatshirts (prefer one to be Camp Thunderbird)
- 1 Long-sleeve lightweight fleece top
- 1 Raincoat (waterproof, tear resistant material)
- 1 Zip-up fleece jacket (polar fleece 200 or 300)
- 2 White t-shirts and/or pillowcases for tie-dying
- 1 Warm hat
- 10 Pairs of underwear (18 for full season campers)
- 10 Pairs of cotton socks (18 for full season campers)
- 3 Athletic cut swimsuits
- 1 Bath robe (for walking to/from shower house)
- 5 Bras (if applicable)
- 2 Pairs of warm pajamas or sweats
- 1 Pair of cotton pajamas or shorts
- 2 Pairs of sneakers
- 1 Pair of flip-flops (for shower use only)
- 1 Pair of water shoes **required** for Boys and Girls Camp (new Boys Camp requirement for 2026)
- 1 Pair of Croc style shoes - optional (kids wear them and trade Croc charms)



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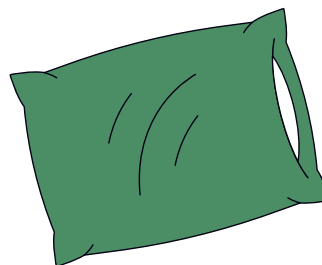


- Toothbrush, toothbrush cover, and toothpaste
- Body wash
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Deodorant (if needed or think may need at camp)
- "After-Bite" cream or stick (anti-itch for bug bites)
- "Gold Bond" powder (for boys)
- Bug repellent (we prefer the "Off" brand)
- Sunscreen
- Hairbrush
- 1 mesh/soft shower tote (for carrying items to shower)
- Nail clippers



BEDDING/LINENS

- 3 Warm twin-size blankets (polar fleece or similar)
- 2 Twin-size sheet sets (fitted sheet should be fully gathered/elasticized to stay on a cot-sized mattress)
- 4 Thin bath towels (thick towels take too long to dry at camp)
- 2 Large, different colored laundry bags (darks/lights)
- 1 Pillow



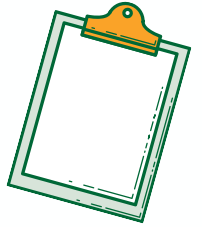
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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- 1 Sleeping bag in a stuff sack (synthetic fill, rated 30° or warmer)
- 1 Sleeping pad (closed-cell foam or self-inflating)
- 2 Bandanas
- 1 Inexpensive headlamp/flashlight (buy rechargeable or send extra batteries)
- 1 Mess kit (granite-wear or metal plate, cup and utensil set)*
- 1 Daypack for trips (clothing & personal items for a trip should fit inside. School backpack may work)
- 2 Quart-size (32-oz) wide-mouth ONLY Nalgene water bottles without a straw*
- Sunglasses (100% UV protection)
- Baseball hat or sun hat (required for fishing)
- "Crazy-Creek" style chair (no metal framed chairs)
- Letter-writing container/folder
- Stationery (pre-stamped or self addressed labels/envelopes are more likely to make it to their destination)



*Can be purchased at the camp store



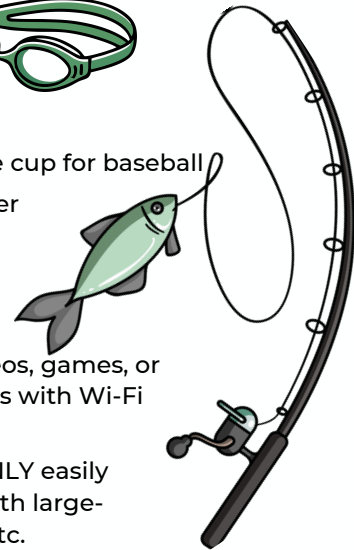
HORSEBACK ITEMS

- Boots (must have a smooth sole and defined heel)
- 1 Additional pair jeans
- Helmet (ASTM certified. Option to rent on permission form)



OPTIONAL ITEMS

- Books
- Games
- Deck of cards
- "Magic The Gathering" cards (played at boys camp)
- Costumes: July 4th garb, funny socks, tutus...
- Photos of family members, friends, and pets
- 1 Stuffed animal or comfort item
- Croc shoe charms
- Musical instrument(s)
- Tennis racket
- Baseball/softball glove
- Sliding shorts and/or protective cup for baseball
- Shin guards and socks for soccer
- Fishing rod
- Swim Goggles
- Small clip-on fan
- Music listening device (NO videos, games, or live radio on any device. Devices with Wi-Fi capabilities are NOT allowed)
- 3 to 6 "3M Command Strip" (ONLY easily removable command strips) with large-sized hooks to hang pictures, etc.



LABEL LIKE A PRO

- If you could see the camp dryers, you'd understand why we don't recommend stick-on clothing labels.
- We like Label Land iron-on labels.
- Stick-on labels are fine for items that won't go through the wash.



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CAMPER MUST-HAVES

Technically optional, practically essential.

Crazy Creek Chair

(Both Camps)

Croc Shoes/Charms

(Both Camps)

Embroidery Floss

(Girls Camp)

Magic Cards

(Boys Camp)

INSIDER TIPS

- Our mattresses are cot size, but twin-sized jersey sheets with a full elastic bottom work great and are easy to find.
- Soft-sided mesh shower caddies are best for our use.
- A slumber bag is fine for young campers, or think ahead and purchase a bag from REI that will get them through a few years of camping.
- Headlamps are better than flashlights—especially for night owls who enjoy reading before drifting off to sleep. Be sure they aren't too bright so our early birds can rest undisturbed.
- Straws and water bottle inserts can get “ooky” (think germs). Wide-mouth bottles are much easier to clean. We also sell T-Bird water bottles in the camp store.
- The REI Co-op Roadtripper Duffel Bag – 140L is our top pick. Other brands offer similar options—just be sure the material is durable enough to withstand years of camp use.
- Scented toiletries attract mosquitoes; please use unscented or moderately scented soaps and shampoos.
- Items can be purchased from REI, Sierra, Amazon, or your local outdoor store.
- Thunderbird logo apparel can be purchased via an online sale or at the camp store.

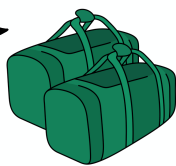


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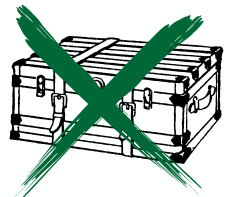


ALL items on this list should be packed in two 140-liter duffel bags.

PACKING DO'S & DON'TS



NO ROLLER BAGS OR TRUNKS



Bags should be **SHIPPED** so they're waiting for campers on the day they arrive.

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