



NORTH STAR CAMP CAMPER PACKING LIST

Even if you are a camp veteran, please read over this list as required items may change each year.

NEW IN 2025: A [North Star Amazon Shopping List!](#) (Not inclusive of everything on the packing list, but some recommended items that you may need to purchase.)

All campers need everything on the list, except where noted. Laundry occurs once a week, so you are packing for approximately 10 days of clothes (a few extra days just in case). If you know your camper goes through clothes faster or is prone to misplacing clothes that may end up in lost & found, please pack more as needed. You may also want to take this time to discuss the importance of taking care of their belongings (and camp's property) to your camper.

Campers who are going on the Canadian (current 9th graders attending 1st Session or 8 weeks) have a specific [Canadian Trip packing list](#).

BAGGAGE

2 DUFFEL BAGS



If you are buying new duffels, get standard, heavy duty duffels that can withstand the wear & tear of travel to and from camp. We recommend a duffel around 36" x 15" x 15" for all families.

No hard sided foot lockers/trunks, please!

For campers flying to camp, **most airlines charge oversized baggage fees (\$200+) for bags above 62 linear inches (L+W+H)**. Bags over 80 linear inches will likely be rejected by the airlines.

OUTERWEAR

1 RAIN COAT OR WATERPROOF JACKET WITH HOOD **NO PONCHOS!**

1 MIDWEIGHT FLEECE JACKET

**A fast-drying jacket. Ideal for trips! (Avoid cotton fleece/sweatshirt material which doesn't absorb moisture.)*

1-2 PAIRS OF LIGHTWEIGHT, FAST-DRYING NYLON PANTS **For rainy/cold weather and trips!*

1 WOOL OR FLEECE HAT **Ski hats work great.*

2 BASEBALL HATS



Please label your camper's gear with their **full name**.



- Use permanent marker on items that can't be sewn or stamped
- Don't just use your camper's initials or first name
- Avoid stickers that come off easily in wash

CLOTHING

12 T-SHIRTS **NSC OPTIONAL*

3 SWEATSHIRTS

5 LONG SLEEVED SHIRTS

10 PAIRS OF SHORTS **Fast-drying is best.*



4 SWIMSUITS

4 JEANS/SWEATPANTS

12-16 PAIRS OF SOCKS

12-16 PAIRS OF UNDERWEAR/BOXERS

RECOMMENDED ITEMS

PLAYING CARDS

READING MATERIAL

CRAZY CREEK/CAMPING CHAIR **NO chairs with metal frames.*

BOARD GAMES/SMALL GAMES **Communal games to be played in the cabin.*



LINEN ****Cot sized bedding for ALL campers.****

- 2 FITTED SHEETS~~
- 2 FLAT SHEETS~~
- 2 WARM BLANKETS~~
- 1 PILLOW~~
- 3 PILLOW CASES~~
- 3 BATH TOWELS~~
- 3 BEACH TOWELS~~
- 1 MATTRESS PAD~~
- 2 WASHCLOTHS OR A SHOWER SCRUBBER/LOOFA
- 2 NORTH STAR LAUNDRY BAGS

~~ Families who have signed up for the North Star Bedding & Towel Service do not need to pack these items.




No egg crate mattress toppers, please. Egg crates create a negative environmental impact.



New campers will be given 2 NSC Laundry Bags upon arrival at camp. If a camper is a returner and needs a bag, please email office@northstarcamp.com and the cost will be added to your camper's spending account.

FOOTWEAR

- 2 PAIRS OF TENNIS SHOES
- 1 PAIR OF RAIN BOOTS 
- 1 PAIR OF AQUA SHOES
- 1 PAIR OF SHOWER SHOES/FLIP FLOPS

*Hiking boots or old gym shoes work great.

Aqua shoes need to stay on in the water (i.e. Chacos, Tevas, aqua socks, etc.). These are **not** flip flops, as they come off easily in the lake.



*Aqua shoes from above also work.

IF YOUR CAMPER IS CURRENTLY A:

- **7th Grader and attending 2nd Session or 8 weeks** OR
 - **8th Grader and attending 1st Session or 8 weeks**
- THEN THESE FOOTWEAR ITEMS ARE NEEDED TOO:

- 1 PAIR HIKING BOOTS W/ ANKLE SUPPORT



Hiking boots recommended, not hiking shoes. Make sure your camper breaks them in before camp. Wearing worn-in boots on hiking trips results in fewer blisters.

- 2 PAIRS OF MIDWEIGHT HIKING SOCKS



Wool or synthetic only. Cotton does not dry quickly and contributes to blisters.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS



- 1 SLEEPING BAG
- 1 TOILETRY KIT SUPPLIED WITH:
 - TOOTHBRUSH
 - TOOTH PASTE
 - COMB/BRUSH
 - SHAMPOO
 - SOAP/BODY WASH
 - NAILCLIPPERS
 - CUP
- SUNSCREEN (AT LEAST SPF 30) 
- MOSQUITO/TICK REPELLENT
- 2 DURABLE WATER BOTTLES
- ENVELOPES AND STAMPS 
- PENS AND PAPER
- 1 FLASHLIGHT & EXTRA BATTERIES
- 1 COOK KIT W/SILVERWARE SET
- 1 WATCH
- A GOOD DISPOSITION

Synthetic fiber sleeping bags recommended. They compress easily and dry much faster than down/cotton sleeping bags.

*Repellant with around 30% DEET recommended.

Nalgene or Gatorade style water bottles are preferred. No Camelback style water bottles with straws because they are hard to clean.

This is a great opportunity to teach your camper how to properly address an envelope (include an example) as opposed to providing self-addressed envelopes.

*Lexan plate and cup is recommended, like [this set](#).

ACTIVITY GEAR^

^If your camper will regularly participate in swimming, fishing, softball and/or tennis, we recommend they bring their own gear.

- SWIM GOGGLES
- BASEBALL GLOVE 
- TENNIS RACQUET 
- FISHING POLE AND TACKLE  *Collapsible

OPTIONAL ITEMS

- 1 ROBE OR WRAP TOWEL
- 1 HANGING SHOE BAG
- OLD COSTUMES  *For skits and special programs.
- MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS  *Inexpensive recommended.
- DIGITAL CAMERA 
- STUFFED ANIMAL
- MUSIC PLAYER  *NO video, app, game or Wifi capabilities. [Campfire Player](#) or [Mighty](#) are excellent options without screens. 



PROHIBITED ITEMS

The following items are not allowed at camp:

-  DRUGS, ALCOHOL, TOBACCO OR VAPE PRODUCTS
-  WEAPONS OF ANY KIND INCLUDING FIREARMS
-  KNIVES / POCKET KNIVES / MULTI TOOLS
-  EGG CRATE OR FOAM MATTRESS TOPPERS
-  HANDHELD VIDEO GAMES
-  E-READERS
-  SMART WATCHES
-  ANYTHING WITH A SCREEN (except sunscreen)
-  FOOD / SNACKS
-  BOTTLED WATER
-  WATER BALLOONS / WATER GUNS
-  DUCT TAPE
-  SILLY STRING
-  PHONES



Campers are not allowed to have phones at camp. Those traveling to or from camp by airplane can bring a phone to have during travel, and the phone will be collected and safely stored upon arrival. Campers bringing phones that are not traveling by air will have their phones sent home at their family's expense. We do not have storage for all camper's phones and cannot be responsible for the value of phones if they are lost or damaged.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL THE CAMP OFFICE AT 715-462-3254 OR EMAIL OFFICE@NORTHSTARCAMP.COM.

"All my bags are packed; I'm ready to go."

- John Denver, Leaving on a Jet Plane

