

Pack 12 Camping Essentials

For those new to camping, or who have not camped in a while here is an essentials list.

1. Sleeping Bag – not a youth slumber party bag, It can get down to 40degrees at night at this time of the year. If all you have is a youth indoor bag, bring extra blankets. This is the single most important piece of equipment you will own.
2. Sleep Pad - (Or Air Bed) Something, can be a comforter, to act as a barrier between you and the ground.
3. Close toed shoes – If you have hiking boots, great if not, sneakers are fine!
4. Pillow – up to you, if you need it bring it, if not leave it at home. I use a rolled up sweatshirt or towel for my pillow. One less thing to pack for me.
5. Clothing – Layer to keep warm, that way when the weather warms up you can peel off a layer or two. Bring shorts, a pair of long pants, short sleeve shirts and one long sleeved shirt. If you have a polar fleece bring it, warmth and it will keep you warm even when wet. Bring a hat, hoodie and mittens/gloves. BRING a raincoat and rain pants if you have them.. If not buy a rain poncho or two from the dollar store.
6. Tent – If you have one or can borrow one, please do so. We have a few families with extra tents, but not enough for everyone. When bringing a tent, make sure you have a tarp for under the tent and a blanket or tarp for the inside. A dollar store shower curtain works to protect the inside of a tent.
7. You do not need to bring any cooking supplies or food. If you have food allergies please advise ASAP.
8. Bring a cup for coffee/hot chocolate and a water bottle for each member of your family.
9. Bring Tylenol, Benadryl or any other medications your child will need. We cannot administer medication to your children.
10. Flashlights, each member of the family should have one if you can.
11. Rain Gear – see clothing above.
12. Fanny pack or backpack for each child. It will hold their flashlights and water bottles. Also sweatshirts when they take them off.
13. What to pack in: The average child can pack efficiently in their backpack from school. My children often use last year's backpack for their camp backpack.
14. Garbage bags: They can transport home wet clothing and keep sleeping bags dry when in transit.