

Wilderness Adventure Camp Packing List

Any outing into the mountains can bring unexpected changes in itinerary, weather, or camping conditions. We will be traveling above 7,000ft for most of the trip, and summer weather in the Tahoe area is often unpredictable with possible afternoon thunderstorms that could include heavy rain and even hail/snow at times. It is essential that you bring **ALL** of the items listed below. If any of the items below cannot be acquired due to cost or availability, please don't hesitate to reach out. We want to ensure that all campers feel safe and well-equipped for this experience.

Cotton clothing is not recommended as it does not insulate when wet and does not dry quickly.

CLOTHING

- Fleece Jacket* (1-2)
- Long Underwear-top*
- Long Underwear-bottom*
- Lightweight Gloves (1 pair)
- Wool/Fleece Hat (Beanie)
- Sun hat/Baseball cap/Bandana
- **Waterproof** Rain Jacket*
- T-Shirts (2)
- Nylon Shorts (1-2 pair)
- Underwear and sports bra
- Swimsuit
- Wool socks* (3 pair)
- Lightweight hiking boots* (Broken In)
- Lightweight running shoes or other closed-toed "camp-shoes" *
- Small bag with clean clothes and beach towel

* See specific info on page 2

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

- Sunscreen/Lip balm
- Sunglasses
- Insect Repellant (small bottle)
- Personal Hygiene kit (toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, hand sanitizer, small ziploc of wet wipes, tampons)
- Headlamp w/ extra batteries (flashlight okay)
- Writing Utensil (High Camp Journal provided)
- Cup/Bowl and spoon*
- Water bottle (2)*
- Spending \$ for coffee shop at ZP (if time allows)

WHAT NOT TO BRING Cell Phones, Speakers, Laptop Computers, iPads or Tablet Computers, Video Cameras, Weapons (including but not limited to knives, guns, firecrackers, pepper spray, etc.), Handheld Video Games, Prank Items, Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco Products, Pets, Bad Attitudes, Valuables of any kind. Zephyr Point is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged property.

BACKPACKING GEAR

We will provide ALL personal backpacking equipment and group gear (tents, stoves, etc). If you plan on bringing your own equipment, please take note of specific info about each piece of gear.

- Backpack (Needs to be at least 60 Liters)
- Sleeping Bag (Synthetic Bag rated to 20 degrees)
- Sleeping Pad (Full-length closed-cell foam or Thermarest-style pads work great)

REI and **Sports Ltd.** are great sources for quality outdoor equipment. In addition, **Sierra Trading Post**, **REI Outlet**, and **Steep & Cheap** are good online stores that offer quality equipment at good prices.

- Fleece Jacket
This will be your main insulation layer. Fleece is lightweight and is a great insulating layer even when wet. We do not recommend cotton sweatshirts.
- Long Underwear
This is your base layer that will draw moisture away from the skin. Again, we strongly advise against cotton. Instead, we recommend wool/synthetic blends (ex., polyester, nylon, spandex, etc.). Most sporty clothes that claim to be “moisture-wicking” are good non-cotton options. You will need a long-sleeved top and full-length bottoms.
- Rain Jacket
We could have sunshine, rain, or snow (or some of all three) during your trip. Rain gear needs to be fully **waterproof** (not just water resistant) and keep you dry even in the event of prolonged exposure to rain, wind, and cold.
- Wool Socks
These are essential to keeping your feet warm and protected while hiking.
- Hiking Boots
This is one of the most critical pieces of equipment that you will take on the trip. Select lightweight hiking boots (not steel-toe or “work” style boots). Your boots must fit your feet well and should be **well broken in before you arrive!** One of the quickest ways to ruin a trip is to develop painful blisters from boots that don’t fit well or are not broken in. Start by walking around your house and build up to short hikes while carrying a loaded pack. A few recommended brand names are: Vasque, Merrell, La Sportiva, Asolo, Lowa, Keen, and Salomon.
- Running Shoes
Used for wearing around camp in the evenings, and possible backup pair of hiking shoes. For this reason, they should not be open-toed. Bring shoes that you don’t mind getting wet and dirty.
- Cup/Bowl & Spoon
Non-Breakable, durable plastic cup and bowl that will keep food warm. We recommend against metal bowls and cups because hot food and drink can easily burn you through the metal, and they do not keep food warm.
- Water Bottles
1-liter (32 oz.) size, durable water bottles with a good lid. Nalgene makes a variety of durable water bottles. Bladders (CamelBak, Platypus, etc.) are acceptable, but if you bring a bladder, please bring at least one hard water bottle in case the bladder springs a leak.

Equipment Check

The Zephyr Point staff will check your equipment before you leave for the backcountry and will ask you to leave behind any equipment that is not suitable for the trip. If a piece of equipment is deemed unsafe or likely to fall apart in the field, we will require you to replace it by rental or purchase from a local store. This policy enables us to ensure the entire group has a safe experience on the trail.