

# NLOM - Summer Ministry Team Packing List

The following is a list of items to bring (or not to bring) to camp this summer.

**NOTE: All clothing should be appropriate for a Bible Camp as well as being appropriate for a highly active week. Please be conscious of this while you are packing and preparing.**

## IMPORTANT TIPS:

1. As a staff member you need a little bit of everything.
2. Plan on extreme weather patterns.  
It will be hot and humid, we will experience rain, there will be dew on the grass in the mornings, and we get cooler weather on some nights (mostly in early summer).
3. Be practical.
4. Put your name on all items.
5. We highly recommend packing in Rubbermaid tubs. This will protect your belongings from weather and critters. This will also make it easy to move from week to week.
6. Do not bring expensive or treasured items. You don't want things you care about to accidentally go missing or get damaged.

## MUST HAVE - Bring everything listed to staff training.

- All written materials sent to you and any paperwork you have not turned in yet
- Bible
- Uniform bottoms  
Must be clean hemmed, solid color, and non-athletic material shorts/skorts/pants.
- A backpack, sling, or other bag that allows you to carry other personal items such as your Bible, songbook, Bible study, first aid kit, etc.

## YOU WILL NEED:

- Heavy sleeping bag or twin sized bedding
- A sheet for inside your sleeping bag and to cover up with on hot nights
- Pillow
- Laundry bag  
A bag is usually easier and laundry soap is provided.
- Bath towels, washcloths, shower shoes, etc.
- Toiletries: soap, deodorant, contact solution, contact case, glasses, toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, mouthwash, nail clippers, razor, shampoo, body wash, comb, brush, etc.  
Avoid sweet smelling cologne or perfume as it will make you extra worthy of the mosquitos' attention.
- Jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt  
It gets chilly at night in May and June and all summer long at Sullivan Hills.
- Hat and other sun protection
- Raincoat, rain boots, and other rain gear  
We do programming outside, even in the rain.
- Two (or more) pairs of shoes (closed toed and outdoor sandals)  
We walk everywhere and good closed toed shoes will be required for many camp activities. Think appropriate shoes for appropriate activities. You are going to need closed toed shoes for hiking and high ropes, but are not required to wear them for swimming or creative arts.
- Grubby clothes and old shoes for rainy day hikes, work projects, and mud activities
- Socks  
You are going to want extras. This will prove to be one of the most important items you pack to come to camp.

- Shirts and long sleeved shirts  
T-shirts work well for camp, as you will be spending time outdoors and are bound to get a little dirty, sweaty, etc. Shirts are required to worn at all time, except for the pool. Appropriate tank tops are okay, but please leave cut-offs at home.
- Shorts and pants  
You will most likely want to wear shorts most of the time, as it gets hot here during the summer. However, it is nice to have pants for colder nights or a rainy day.
- Jeans  
You will need at least one pair of jeans for the summer for riding horses or work projects. (Equine staff, you'll probably need more like five.)
- Undergarments
- Pajamas or something to sleep in  
Keep in mind that you will be in the same sleeping quarters as campers and may need to get up with them in the night.
- Swimsuit, sunscreen, beach towel, sunglasses, etc.  
We do not require any specific style of swimsuit, however, please note that campers may be pulling on or hanging on your clothing at times. Remember, we're working with kids.
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Very loud *battery-operated* alarm clock  
We do not allow phone use around campers, so don't plan on using your phone as an alarm clock.
- A watch  
Again, we do not allow phone use around campers, so you will definitely need another way to tell the time.
- Insect repellent

Note: If you have special dietary needs, we will do our best to accommodate you; however, you might want to bring some of your own snacks in case you are still hungry. You might want to bring snacks even if you don't have dietary needs. These can be kept in staff lounges at each site.

## IT WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE:

- Boots for horseback riding (must have a heel)
- Camera
- Stuffed animal to help with homesick campers
- Guitars and other instruments you may want to use for worship and personal renewal time
- Devotion stories, resource materials, or a good book to read to campers
- Journal, envelopes, stationery, and stamps

## RESTRICTED ITEMS:

1. Cell phones, iPads or other tablets, computers, Nintendo Switches, etc. may be used in the staff lounge but are NOT allowed around campers.
2. Guns, fireworks, firearms, and personal archery equipment are not allowed at camp. Small utility knives or multi tools are allowed to be carried in your backpack and used with discretion.

Please note: If you do not have any of the items on this list and cannot financially support purchasing them at this time, please reach out to Bailey at [bneitzel@nlom.org](mailto:bneitzel@nlom.org) for assistance.