



Gear Packing List

What to bring

Boots that are acceptable —

Your boots must meet the following specifications:

1. **All leather.**
2. **At least seven inches from the top of the heel to the top of the boot.**
3. Medium weight and stiffness with firm toes and good laces.
4. Lug soles or other traction soles for working in steep, muddy conditions.

You can find this type of work boot at GI Joe's, K-Mart, or most retail stores. A good pair of boots might be expensive, but consider them an investment that will pay off over years. We frequently see inexpensive boots that fall apart and need replacing before a session is over.

Break your new boots in by wearing them before your session starts.



You will not be allowed to work without a pair of boots in good condition.

NOTE: If you are working in BLP, the Fall, Spring, or East programs, be sure to bring enough warm clothing as the weather is colder and wetter in the areas where you will be working. Non-cotton clothing articles work best.

You'll need these:

Coat for Work — A loose-fitting jacket or sweater, large enough to wear over other clothes. Wool or pile coat stays warm even if it gets damp.

Flashlight & Batteries — Or a headlamp for camp evenings.

Foam Pad — Ensolite or blue foam works well, is inexpensive, and available in most discount stores. Do not bring foam rubber; it is bulky and impossible to dry if it gets wet.

Gloves — At least two pairs of work gloves. We suggest leather.

Pants — Three pairs of work pants (Levi's, Carhart, and wool pants are good). They should be loose fitting, but not baggy, and not have holes or patches.

Shirts — Two or three **solid blue, long sleeve, button work shirts**. We suggest 100% cotton.

Sleeping Bag — You will need a sleeping bag that is warm, lightweight, and compact. Your bag must be made with synthetic fibers that will dry quickly. Cotton bags are not acceptable.

Hand soap & shampoo
Toothbrush & toothpaste
Comb or brush
Towel & washcloth

You'll want these:

Calling Card — Useful in making calls home.

Eating Utensils — Bring a water bottle and a set of silverware. NYC will supply plates and bowls.

Long Johns, Wool Socks and Hat — Look for polypropylene or another synthetic. Cotton is cheap, but doesn't work when wet.

Shorts — For weekends and hot evenings around camp.

Shoes for Camp — Lightweight and comfortable shoes to wear around camp and for swimming. Open-toed shoes, such as sandals or Teva's, are not allowed in camp, but can be used for swimming.

Sweatshirt or Sweater — Heavy, long sleeve top that can be slept in or worn under a coat for additional warmth.

Underwear — Enough to last a week between trips to laundry.

Bathing suit
Small pocket knife
Paper, pen, envelopes & stamps
Camera & film
Sunscreen & insect repellent
Alarm clock or watch
Waterproof case for important stuff

These would be nice:

Day Pack — Your school pack is fine.

Moleskin or Mole Foam — This will give you relief from foot blisters.

Nylon Cord — You will need about 25–30 feet of thin cord.

Rain Gear — NYC will provide a set of rain gear for your use in the event of bad weather.

Socks — At least three pairs of lightweight socks and three pairs of heavy socks (six pairs total). Wool or synthetic fibers work best. Do not bring cotton work socks

Acoustic instruments
Compass or compact binoculars
Sewing kit
Band-Aids & first aid kit
Cards, small games, books



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What NOT to bring

Knives — while we suggest a small pocket knife please do not bring hunting or Rambo style survival knives. There will be no use for these items and space is always an issue when packing at NYC.

Electronics — In addition, please do not bring electronic devices such as cell phones, hand held electronic games or music devices that require the use of headphones. These items separate the individual from the team, are a distraction to the group, and in some ways can become a safety hazard by distracting your attention from your surroundings.

Pillows — we need to conserve space and this is an easy way to do so. You can use your coat, or clothes placed in your sleeping bag stuff sack will suffice.

Advertising — In order to promote a drug free environment we ask that you do not bring any items that promote drugs, alcohol or tobacco products. You will be asked to remove items such as duffel bags, day packs, coats or shirts that display these ads. Minimal storage is available and in most instances we will request these items be sent home.

Cosmetics — Hairspray, perfume, cologne, make-up, lip stick, hair dryers and other grooming items will not be needed. Limited space and time to apply these items on a regular basis will be extremely limited. Besides, if it smells good to you it might smell good to rodents or other animals and we don't want these items stored in a tent.

Snacks — don't bring excessive amounts of snacks. You will have the ability to stop at gas stations and stores throughout the session (except possibly BLP crews). Again, space is limited and of course we do not want these items stored in tents and encourage animal intrusions.

Cash — while some cash will be needed to accommodate laundry and showers (about \$10 per week) we suggest you limit the amount of cash on hand. An ATM or Debit card is a much better way to have secure access to funds.

Fireworks — Federal laws prohibit fireworks in our National Forests. There will never be time during the program that fireworks can be safely used.