

PACKING FOR CAMP

To avoid singing the "Post-Camp Footlocker Blues", you should know something right from the start: *Don't buy all new clothes for camp!* Camp is fun, but fun can be dirty sometimes. Clothes WILL get dirty at camp. You can expect that, regardless of the fact that all clothes are laundered at camp, your son will return with a few stained clothes. Pack older clothes for daily wear, plus some nice things to wear for church and special times.

All clothing should be marked with the camper's name (either using permanent marker or labels). This will help insure that most of what you send will return. If clothes are not marked, they may go to "clothes heaven". Below is a checklist you can use as a guideline to pack for camp. This is just a suggested list, not mandatory. You may want to add a few things, leave out others, but this is a good place to start.

1 sleeping bag	1 set of church type clothes	stationery, stamps
2-3 pair of jeans	flashlight (w/extra batteries)	1 poncho or rain gear
shower shoes (sandals)	1 bathing suit	toilet articles
4 sheets (2 sets)	2 laundry bags	2-3 pair tennis shoes
8-10 pair of underwear	1-2 blankets	Bible
1 backpack (optional)	8-10 pair athletic socks	1 jacket or sweater
3-4 towels	10 t-shirts	1 canteen
3 washcloths	6 pair of shorts	1 pillow
2 sweatshirts	2 pillow cases	
	1-2 pair of old, long tube socks for the sock war!!	

What should my camper not bring to camp?

Your son should not need expensive valuables at camp. These might be expensive watches, rings, radios, costly cameras, etc. The camp cannot be responsible for these items if they get lost or misplaced. *Cell Phones, Pagers, Walkman Radios, CD Players, and Game Boys should not be brought to camp.* We are trying to preserve a wholesome, rustic, outdoor atmosphere here at camp. These items seem to only detract from this setting. Should the camper come with one of these items, they will be kept in the office and returned when the camper departs.

Can I ship my camper's trunk ahead of time?

We often have families that drive up, and have little room for camp trunks to come with them. You are welcome to send trunks ahead of time. It seems like the best way to do this is via UPS. If you send the trunk **UPS Ground Track**, it can be tracked very easily through our computer system if the trunk is lost "en route" to camp. You may also send your trunks home from camp by UPS if you like. We will send them COD, and payment will be due to UPS when the trunk is delivered to your home. When sending trunks or other items via UPS, please address them to:

**Camp Ridgecrest
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Ridgecrest, NC 28770**