

A Parent's Packing Suggestions for Camp:

All clothing that you send must be able to be washed in medium to hot water settings and dried in warm or hot dryer settings (laundry is done once a week and is given back to campers folded). **Label every single thing you send; not just clothes. If you want to bring some clothes that call for cold wash, hand wash, or line drying, remember to only bring these if they are pre-shrunk or are at least one size bigger than what your camper normally wears or they may shrink when washed.**

Stacking Drawers: The best invention ever made for parents (if you have a way of getting them to camp). You can pre-fold and put all of your camper's clothing and some other things in them, so that when you get to camp, your camper is all set. There are some cubbies, shelves, and hooks in the cabins, but there are no dressers or closets. Some parents have their kids keep their clothes in duffle bags or small trunks which is fine, but campers find it hard to keep their things neat and organized, and the duffles and trunks take up more space in the cabins.

Stacking Drawer Dimensions:

You can actually buy them at Walmart – cheap and sturdy!

Set of three that stack on top of each other:

Height: 32 inches top to bottom (**can be taller**)

Depth: 18 ¾ inches front to back

Width: 20 inches side to side (**shouldn't be wider**)

Items to pack

1. Riding Helmet (**must be an approved SEI helmet**);
Required also - 1 bag or small sack that helmet can be kept in and left at stables.
2. Riding boots – no need for fancy, leather knee-high boots. Prefer riding sneakers or paddock boots. Most important is that footwear has a heel.
3. Half chaps (if your camper uses them); request that full chaps not be used.
4. 2 pair of sneakers (1 pair that is already yucky and can get yuckier; 1 regular pair)
5. 1 pair flip-flops (great for the shower) and 1 pair crocks or 1 pair sandals

6. 10 to 12 pairs of underwear
7. 3 to 4 bras
8. 8 to 10 pairs of riding socks (meaning socks that go above the top of riding boots); 5 to 7 pairs of ankle socks or peds
9. 4-5 pair of shorts
10. 1 to 2 pairs of yoga or knock around stretch pants; 1 pair sweatpants

11. 5 pairs of jeans (for riding and general activities); most riders do not wear breeches, but some do – so it's fine to bring a pair or two if your camper uses them. It is not necessary. Horse shows are casual: camp T-shirt and jeans or camp T-shirt and breeches. Most of the time campers get down and dirty with the horses and with wacky activities. They love it! Jeans – should fit for comfort and not style. They should be a bit loose and/ or stretchy if your camper rides in them. Skin tight jeans don't allow flexibility in the rider. Also, if your camper brings breeches, she won't need as many pairs of jeans.

12. 10 to 12 T-shirts (some lightweight; some heavier cotton); **1 or 2 White T-Shirts for dye-dyeing, autographing, or other artsy projects**

13. 2 long sleeve shirts; 4 sleeveless shirts/tank tops for really hot days

14. Lightweight rain jacket with hood

15. 3 good sized towels (**not** huge beach towels)

16. 1 Pillow

17. 2 Pillow cases; 1 single fitted sheet; 1 single flat sheet

18. 4 - 5 pairs' PJS & or Nightshirts (Some campers use shorts and a t-shirt to sleep in; or a regular t-shirt and pj bottoms (or sweatpants/flannel bottoms if you prefer)

19. 1 Heavy weight sweatshirt; 1 lightweight sweatshirt or hoody that can and will get DIRTY

20. Toiletries (examples/suggestions follow #21)

21. 2 Toiletry bags (1 bag for the shower and daily washing – waterproof is best – can get at a Wal-Mart or a Target kind of store); 1 bag for things like bug repellent, suntan lotion, hair ties, etc. that stays in the cabin)

22. 2 X Hand Sanitizer (plastic, portable small bottles)

23. 2 X Bar soap for body & 1 washcloth or body wash & 1 puff

24. Deodorant; Shampoo; conditioner (not huge bottles or it will be uncomfortable and heavy to carry when your camper goes to take a shower)

25. Sun block (the maximum and best SPF that you can get)

26. Toothbrush & Toothpaste

27. 1 X Febreze (for clothes when they don't have enough time to wash them or change, and for the general odors in cabin)

28. Water Bottle (portable with strap)

29. Band-Aids

30. 4 Medium Size Zip-Lock Bags for miscellaneous loose things; 4 Small Zip-Lock Bags for same

31. Bug Repellent; Bug itch stick

32. Hair ties & Head bands or other hair stuff; brush & comb (As part of head/hair sanitization, these items are not to be shared with other campers)

33. 2X Chap Stick

34. 2 Bathing suits

35. Facial cleanser; facial moisturizer; body lotion (Put this in if your camper has sensitive skin and needs to use a special facial cleanser/moisturizer other than regular bar soap)

36. 1 light weight blanket (for warm nights)

37. Sleeping Bag (it can go down to 35 - 40 degrees during the night); the girls put them on top of their mattresses to sleep in on cold nights

38. To label things: Black Indelible Ink Marker (We found this to make labeling really easy)

39. Stationery or note cards or post cards; Address Book; Stamps (or camp will put stamps on camper letters and charge you on the store account)

40. Solid/Strong Flashlight and extra batteries

41. 2 Disposable Cameras

42. Disposable Shavers & Shaving Cream

43. Books
44. I-POD with earplugs that can be used in the cabin during rest hour or bedtime.
(No cell phones; computers; DS games or Game Boys allowed)
45. Rest hour entertainment in case your camper doesn't sleep: Drawing paper, diary/journal; magic markers; pens; pencils + other things for mellow-out times that your camper enjoys doing (there's not a lot of down time, so there's no need to pack tons of stuff)
46. Suggestions for your camper to decorate bunk bed wall with: posters; drawings; calendar; photographs, etc. – but only a few – and masking tape so they don't remove the paint from the wall
47. Laundry Bag with drawstring top – **Make sure the bag is labeled. Please!**
48. Battery-run hand-held fan
49. Roll out camping mat with padding for bunk bed (put on top of mattress); egg-crate padding works as a way to soften your camper's bed.
50. Spending money for camp (See below.)

Spending \$ for Camp: There is a camp store that campers can go to for things like before bed snacks and drinks. There's water, Gatorade, chips, cookies, ice cream and some candy. Campers are limited. They can only buy 2 things per visit to store.

Also, your camper will probably want the following: A Sprucelands t-shirt, a Sprucelands sweatshirt, and Sprucelands pajama bottoms (whether you let your camper get these things is obviously up to you. (You could buy these things for your camper on the first day of camp. The same items are also for sale at the horse show on the last day.)

When you register on the first day of camp, you will give Eileen a certain amount of spending \$ for your camper which is put into an account (Eileen accepts checks or cash; camp holds the \$ - the campers don't)

A word of caution: campers are not told how much \$ they have left in their accounts after they buy things at the camp store (it's just impossible for staff to do that every time campers buy things), so if your camper goes over what is in her account, you will be given a bill for the extra amount on the last day of camp.

The good news is that there's really not that much to buy at the camp store, so most don't spend a ton of \$. How much \$ you put in for your camper is obviously up to you. You might want to ask Eileen before camp how much sweatshirts, t-shirts, etcetera cost, so you can put enough \$ in your camper's account to cover him/her buying these on their own (unless you buy them for her on the first day of camp or at a horse show).

Reminder of other things that come out of the camp store account: Laundry @ \$1.60/lb which is weighed when it's dry and not when it's wet and dirty; stamps; trips to/from the airport, train or bus station; horse board for those bringing horses; DVDs that are sold as a memory for camp (and worth every penny).