



## 2017 Summer Camp Packing List

*There are a few things that we would recommend you bring to ensure that you are ready for all of the adventures and activities we have planned. If you have a knack for misplacing things or leaving things various places around the house, we would recommend you mark your belongings with a permanent marker or label.*

- Sheets and a blanket or sleeping bag and a pillow
- 2 Towels – For showers and swimming
- Toiletry Items – Including toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant and “other necessities” – Mosquitoes often are attracted to perfumes and colognes so you may want to leave those at home.
- Casual clothing, such as jeans, shorts, and long and short sleeve shirts.
- Layers – sweatshirt, light jacket – the days are usually warm but nights and rainy days can be quite cool.
- A pair of long pants for hiking, spelunking, climbing, etc.
- Regular changes of underclothes and socks.
- Swimsuit(s) — We recommend at least two so you won't have to wear a wet suit.
- Sleepwear (e.g. pajamas)
- Rain apparel
- Comfortable, close-toed shoes that are appropriate for running and playing **and** an old pair of sneakers that you don't mind getting wet or muddy. There have been several foot injuries this year with kids wearing flip flops and running around. If you could leave those at home we would appreciate it.
- Swim shoes are required. We have Zebra mussels in our lake and we don't want your feet to get cut.
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent – We recommend pump sprays instead of aerosols. You may want to have repellent that works against ticks.
- Flashlight with fresh batteries
- Letter writing stuff — stamps and postcards are available to purchase at camp.
- Camera (optional)
- Stuffed animals – special friends and blankies are more than welcome at camp. Many of our counselors bring theirs, too!
- All money will be kept in the camper's camp store account. You may deposit money in this account ahead of time through your registration account, or you may bring it with you to registration on site.

Our most popular camp store items are white t-shirts for tie dye (\$10), water bottles (\$15), sunglasses (\$5), and sweatshirts (\$30-\$40). This year, all camp store money will be returned at the end of the week, unless the amount left over is less than \$5.00. Amounts less than \$5.00 will be given to our mission offering.

- Mission Offering Money – Each year we ask for an offering from our guests to support our scholarship fund so that others may come and experience camp.
- Bring all prescription medication in their original bottles. These prescriptions need to be documented online prior to arrival and medication turned in at registration. We ask that you leave over the counter medication at home unless it is something specific that we may not have in our health center. Any over the counter medication (including bug bite remedy, ibuprofen, and vitamins) you bring also needs to be documented online prior to arrival and turned in at registration.

### **Items not to bring!**

- Skateboards
- Roller blades
- Mini Bikes
- We strongly discourage wearing flip flops around camp. We have seen several flip flop wearing kids in the health center with scraps and cuts on their toes and feet.
- We allow personal music players (such as iPods, and other MP3 players) in the cabins during rest hour and bedtime. We are not responsible for them and encourage you to consider leaving it at home.
- As every year, campers are asked to leave cell phones at home. We try very hard at Pilgrim Center to create an intentional Christian community, and we find that this community is formed more easily without the distractions of social media. If you would like a camera, we would suggest that you purchase an inexpensive disposable camera (we also sell these in the camp store) and follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter (under United Church Camps Inc.) so that you can see all the amazing pictures we take of your camp. We will permit portable music players in the cabin only, but, again, these need to be separate from your phone. If campers accidentally arrive at camp with a phone, it will be collected and safely stored in the locked office for the duration of camp.
- Junk food or snacks — they just invite outside critters to dine in your cabin.
- Pets, unless they are stuffed animals!
- Personal valuables, like the family heirloom Bible. Too many things are left at camp, ruined in the rain, or lost on our many adventures. Aside from the list above, we have everything you need during your stay at camp.
- And, of course, weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol, and prescription drugs not prescribed to you have no place at camp! We've never had a problem with these – and we want to keep it that way!