Academy Packing List

Outdoor Leadership Challenge (O.L.C.)

Dress for adventure! Prepare to dress everyday wearing active clothing and the following:



Sun hat / cap / glasses



Sturdy, comfortable hiking shoes



Sunscreen & Insect Repellent

Pack these items in your "Day Pack"

(Day packs are taken inside the van and are always accessible)

Choose a comfortable backpack that can fit the following items:



A healthy lunch w/ snacks (Day one only)



A small camp towel



Closed-toed water shoes (no flip flops)



Re-usable water bottle



Warm fleece or puffy jacket



Bathing suit



Rain jacket



Rain pants



Journal / Sketch pad / book

Pack these items in your Backpacking / Overnight pack

Choose a backpacking specific pack that will work for both van-supported as well as backpacking overnights. We recommend a 50-60 Liter pack that is fitted correctly for your child and can carry a sleeping bag and pad.



Flashlight / Headlamp



2 pair of long pants



Small toiletries kit



Warm hat / gloves



Changes of underwear



Synthetic or down 💥 sleeping bag



4-5 T-shirts and 1-2 long sleeve



5-6 pairs of synthetic socks



Sleeping pad



2-3 pairs of shorts



Synthetic base layer shirt & pants



Re-usable mess kit

These items available for purchase at the Academy welcome desk

Packing 101: Light is Right! Keeping your kids mobile in the field greatly enhances their experience. Synthetic materials are best. They pack small, wick moisture, dry fast and are warmer. Cotton gets wet, is heavy and should be avoided if possible. OLC activities change every few days and TA staff will quide proper packing for each day's activities. Having both a Day pack and an Overnight pack allow for access to gear and clothing as the day's activities dictate. Overnight bags are loaded on top of the van and are not always accessible. All gear for river portion of this program will be provided. With nearly 1,000 kids, 20+ vehicles and over 100 programs this summer it is essential to LABEL EVERYTHING!

