

# PACKING & CLOTHING

**WHILE SUMMER DAYS ARE HOT (AROUND 90 F DURING THE DAY, AROUND 70 F AT NIGHT PLEASE REFER TO THE SUGGESTED LIST OF ITEMS TO BRING TO CAMP, AND KEEP THESE THINGS IN MIND WHEN PACKING:**

## **!** LABELING

We strongly encourage you to permanently and conspicuously label all of your clothing and possessions with your first and last name.

## **SAVE ROOM**

If traveling long distance, several of the items on our suggested packing list can be bought in town during time off.

## **STORE ACCESS**

Camp Monroe is 15 minutes away from Walmart Supercenter. There will be designated times during the weekends for staff to go into town and purchase any needed items.

## **BEDDING**

For international staff, we do have some bedding available for loan. All domestic staff must provide their own bedding.

Our beds are standard twin-sized bunk beds.

## **VALUABLES**

We strongly recommend you not bring any valuables or expensive items to camp. You should keep money, passports, cell phones, tablets, laptops, plane tickets and other valuables in a safe place, such as staff housing. Every effort is made to safeguard money and other valuables. However, Camp Monroe cannot take responsibility for any missing, stolen, or damaged items.

## **STAFF SHIRT**

Upon arrival at camp, staff will receive one Staff Shirt. These are to be worn during camper arrival.

Other than this Staff Shirt, there is no uniform staff need to wear each day.

If you lose or damage your staff shirt, it will be \$15 for a new one.

## **LAUNDRY**

**DO IT YOURSELF:** It will be your responsibility to do your laundry. Camp Monroe provides washing machines and dryers for staff along with laundry detergent.

Rules for laundry:

- Do not do laundry if you have a campers, you will have access on weekends
- Do not move other staff laundry without asking
- If you move clean laundry out of a dryer, do not place it on the floor.
- If other staff members choose to buy their own laundry products, do not use them
- **DO NOT STEAL FROM LAUNDRY ROOM**

## **STORAGE**

Storage is limited since we have shared living spaces. We recommend having an extra storage container for excess items that you do not want to take into your cabin with campers.



# CLOTHING POLICIES & DRESS CODE

## TOPS

All tops must follow the five finger rule. If the shoulder part is not wide enough to fit five fingers- it is not allowed at camp. (No spaghetti straps.)

## SHORTS

All shorts must be of a comfortable length to ensure full range of motion and participation in our activities. A good rule of thumb is to make all shorts at least finger-tip length. but wear the best fitting shorts for your body.

## FOOTWEAR

We have a wide variety of terrain and activities and we want to protect your feet since you'll be on them a lot. We recommend bringing

- closed toed shoes (tennis shoes or crocs)
- sandals (for lake activities)
- shower shoes (required)
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## JEWELRY

Refrain from bringing unnecessary jewelry or jewelry of monetary or sentimental value.



All staff should be able to dress comfortably for camp and engage in the camp environment

At Camp Monroe, we want you to have the best experience possible during your summer with us. By planning ahead and packing appropriately, you will be contributing to a positive experience; therefore, our dress code reflects practicality and the values of camp. Usual play clothes - jeans, t-shirts, shorts - are what we wear at camp; Camp is not a runway or a place to show off your fancy clothes. Clothing that you can comfortably move in, participate in activities in, and feel confident and good about yourself in are all great things to wear at camp.

There may be some articles of clothing that we may ask you to bring that you maybe aren't used to wearing. This is mostly to do with safety and practicality concerns. For example, we require all campers and staff to follow the five finger rule for shirts (i.e. no tank tops or spaghetti straps). This is for sun protection, as days at camp can be VERY sunny! We ask that swimsuits are practical for high energy play: a one piece bathing suit or comfortable-length board shorts are better suited for attempting to stand up on the rolling log in the pool than a bikini or super short swim trunks would be. *We wouldn't ask you to pack certain items if we didn't have a good reason for it!*

### **The B's**

#### **Easy rule of thumb for what is allowed**

- **Biker shorts: all staff are not allowed to wear biker shorts**
- **Bras: female staff are not allowed to wear clothing that shows their bras**
- **Boxers: male staff are not allowed to wear clothing that shows their boxers (or any underwear)**
- **Bottom: all staff are not allowed to wear clothing that shows their bare bottom**

At the end of the day, Camp Monroe expects all campers, staff, and visitors will dress in a way that is appropriate for camp. Dress choices should respect camp's intent to sustain a community that is inclusive of a diverse range of identities. We are responsible for seeing that attire does not interfere with the health and wellbeing of any individual at camp nor contribute to a hostile or intimidating atmosphere for anyone.

# PACKING LIST

THIS LIST IS BASED OFF WHAT WE SUGGEST OUR STAFF PACK FOR A ONE-WEEK SESSION OF CAMP.  
FEEL FREE TO ADJUST THE SUGGESTED NUMBER OF ITEMS AS YOU SEE FIT.

DON'T FORGET TO LABEL EVERYTHING!

## BED & BATH

- Bath towel (2)
- Beach towel (1)
- Blanket (1)
- Comb/brush\*\* (1-2)
- Mattress pad\*\* (1)
- Pillow (1)
- Pillow cases (2)
- Sheet sets\* (twin-sized)
- Shower caddy/organizer\* (1)
- Soap or body wash (1)
  
- Sunscreen\*\* (1) (*v. important!*)
- Toilet articles & personal items as needed (shampoo\*\*, conditioner\*\*, deodorant\*\*, etc.)
- Toothbrush\*\* (1)
- Toothpaste\*\* (1)

## CLOTHING

- T-Shirts (6-7)
- Shorts (6-7)
- Clothing for Days Off\*
- Hat/Ball Cap\* (1-2)
- Light jacket/hoodie (1-2)
- Pajamas (2)
- Poncho/Raincoat (1)
- Socks (5-7)
- Swimsuits (2-3)
- Undergarments (10)

## FOOTWEAR

- Shower shoes (1)
- Sneakers/tennis shoes (1-2)
- Sandals/Waterfront shoes (1)

## ACCESSORIES

- Backpack\*\* (1)
- Flashlight\*\* (1)
- Electronics & chargers\*  
- please do not bring extra electronics unless needed for school.
- Laundry bag\*\* (1) & Laundry detergent
- Watch\*\* (1)
- Water bottle\*\* (1-2) (*v. important!*)

## THEME CLOTHINGS

- there will be time to go shopping at Walmart or local thrift store for some of these theme items!*
- One dark outfit (all black or navy)
  - All red or cobalt blue outfit
  - Tacky/Wacky clothes

\* = OPTIONAL ITEM, BRING IF YOU WANT!

\*\* = AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN TOWN AT WALAMRT