Pioneer/Seeker Packing List (Summer 2021)

- Please consider this packing list carefully and bring what is listed. We also created a suggested gear list on Amazon that you can access here!
- Please make sure all clothes and belongings are labeled or clearly marked with camper's name.
- Temperatures can vary from 40°F to 90°F. Having an interior warm layer and an exterior rain layer is required to help keep your camper safe and comfortable.
- The gear that we recommend taking the most care and thought when selecting is the sleeping bag and its stuff sack (size, weight, packability, materials).
- We recommend visiting a local outdoor retailer to find the right hiking boots. REI also has a great guide for picking the right pair, which you can find here!

Clothing

____ 1-2 Long pants (1 synthetic)

____ 4 Pairs of shorts (2 synthetic)

____ 2 Swimsuits

____ 1 Pair of sturdy sneakers

____ 7 Pairs of athletic socks

____ 2 Pairs wool or fleece socks

____ 7 T-shirts (2 synthetic)

____ 2 Long sleeve T-shirts (1 synthetic)

____ 1 Sweatshirt & Sweatpants

____ 7 Pairs of underwear

____ 2 Nightshirts or Pajamas

____ 1 Fleece pullover or wool sweater

____ 1 wool or fleece hat

____ 1 pair wool/fleece mittens or gloves

____ 1 WATERPROOF raincoat and pants

____ 2 Bandanas

____ 1 Pair shower shoes (i.e. flip flops)

____ 1 pair Hiking Boots (see notes)

Personal Sports Equipment—Campers should check with leaders to make sure equipment is stored appropriately so as not to be accessible as a potential safety risk.

Equipment

____ 7 washable cloth or 25 disposable masks (see notes)

____ 1 Fitted sheet (cot or twin size)

____ 1 Pillow with pillowcase

____ 1 Sleeping Bag (synthetic fill) with compression sack

____ 1 Sleeping Pad

____ 1 Daypack (Small backpack like used for school. Please label with name on it.)

____ 1 Beach towel

____ 1 Bath towel

____ 1 Laundry bag (washed with clothes - please label clearly)

____ 1 Ditty Bag & Toiletries

____ 2 32 oz. Water bottles (not bicycle)

____ 1 cup, bowl & spoon for camping overnight

____ 1 Flashlight or headlamp

____ Extra Batteries (if needed for flashlight)

____ 1 Insect repellent (avoid repellent with 35% or more DEET)

____ 1 Sunblock (at least SPF 30)

____ 1 Journal, pen, pencils

____ 1 Stationery, stamps

____ 2-4 Large, heavyweight garbage bags (for overnight trip)

____ 2 Ziploc type bags (for overnight trip)

Optional Items

Some optional items for you to consider include **a hand towel and wash cloth, a blanket, a camp chair, a white shirt (for tie-dye), mosquito netting for bunk, lip balm, a musical instrument, art supplies, a book, fishing rod and tackle, a watch, and/or a camera (labeled with camper's name),** and **anything to make you feel at home (such as a stuffed animal).**

Special Days

50s Dinner: T-Shirts, Blue Jeans, Bandanas, and Poodle Skirts
Wacky Dinner: Be creative and get wacky!
Talent Show: Bring what you need to show off your talents—musical instrument, props, etc.
Candlelight Sing: Something to wear for the last dinner at camp.

Hiking Boots

Merrowvista strongly suggests that you bring a pair of hiking boots that are sturdy, ankle high and well broken in. If you choose to buy a pair of boots, your boots should be sized to fit comfortably with two pairs of socks (one lightweight & one heavyweight). To break in boots, begin wearing them regularly two months prior to coming to camp.

Luggage

A small trunk or sturdy plastic storage unit (example: Rubbermaid) w/ lid is recommended for camp use. It is the neatest and most compact option allowing campers to access all their belongings easier than a suitcase. Suitcases are satisfactory but may get scuffed. If you ship your trunk, please do so 2 weeks prior to camp, insured, prepaid and marked with camper name and destination.

COVID-19 Mask Requirements

Following CDC recommendations and requirements, we are asking that campers bring masks for use while interacting with campers outside of their predetermined cabin groups. Campers should bring 7 cloth masks or 25 disposable masks for use while at camp. Masks should meet CDC recommendations including fitting snuggly around the mouth, nose, and chin with no large gaps around the side of the face (even during rigorous activity such as sports or group exercises). Single-layer buffs and masks with exhalation valves/vents will not be permitted. **Should your camper need additional masks while at camp, Merrowvista will have masks readily available.**

What Not to Bring

In appreciation of the camp experience and out of respect for the camp community, we ask campers not to bring:

- Snacks, soda, candy, gum
- Pocketknives, hunting knives, hatchets, and/or axes
- Lighters, candles
- Electronics including cell phones, radios, gaming systems, and e-readers
- Cash (please have your camper turn in cash for safekeeping)

If campers bring these items, staff will gather and keep them safe until the end of camp.

If you are having trouble acquiring any of this gear or would like more information, contact:
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