



PACKING LIST

MINIWANCA EXPLORER

- The [Four Trails Camper & Family Handbook](#) contains detailed information on the specific type of clothing and gear required on trail.
- Clothing and toiletries may be used for in-camp **and** on-trail. Consider living simply and packing less.
- Temperatures can vary from 40 to 90 degrees F. An interior warm layer and an exterior rain layer are required to help keep your camper safe and comfortable.
- Take great care when selecting a sleeping bag and its stuff sack (size, weight, packability, materials). See [handbook](#) for more details.
- Visit a local outdoor retailer to find the right hiking boots. REI has a great [guide](#) for picking the right pair.
- Miniwanca will provide tents, backpacks, canoes, PFDs, and all meal and snacks.

TRAIL CLOTHING

- 1 warm hat
- 1 brimmed hat (for sun protection)
- 1 pair **waterproof** rain pants
- 1 pair **waterproof** rain jacket
- 1 light synthetic/fleece jacket
- 4 sets underwear
- 2 synthetic short-sleeved shirts
- 2 pairs quick-dry shorts
- 1 pair pants
- 2 sets thermal base layer (top and pants)
- 1 cotton outfit (for evenings)
- 1 swimsuit
- 4-5 pairs synthetic or wool **hiking** socks
- 3 pairs athletic socks
- 1 pair **broken-in** hiking boots
- 1 pair sandals, sneakers, or other off-trail shoes

IN CAMP CLOTHING

- 4 pairs shorts
- 1 pair pants
- 5 shirts
- 1 swimsuit
- 7 sets underwear
- 2-3 pairs athletic socks

TRAIL EQUIPMENT

- Synthetic, lightweight sleeping bag with stuff (compression) sack
- Sleeping pad
- Unbreakable bowl and mug
- Unbreakable multi-use utensil
- Sunglasses (polarized recommended) with strap
- 2-3 heavy duty trash bags
- 3-5 1-gallon freezer ziploc bags
- Quick dry camp towel
- Headlamp with spare batteries
- 2 1-Liter water bottles

IN CAMP EQUIPMENT

- Pillow
- Twin sheet set
- Shower shoes
- Beach towel
- Bath towel
- Laundry bag

TOILETRIES

- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Shampoo, conditioner, soap for in-camp
- Travel-size biodegradable soap for trail
- Glasses/contacts (plus an extra set for trail)
- Sunscreen (35+ SPF)
- Insect repellent
- Lip balm with SPF
- Enough period products for your session

OPTIONAL ITEMS

- Journal, pens, pencil, stamps, envelopes
- Camping pillow
- Extra blanket
- Camp chair
- Books/ deck of cards
- A watch (no smartwatches)
- Digital or disposable camera
- Gloves
- Carabiners
- Bandanas
- Special outfit for last dinner
- Quad Color items (red, orange, green, purple)
- Camper spending money (see handbook for amounts)



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FOOTWEAR

Closed-toe shoes are required for campers to wear for cooking and hiking. Crocs and Tevas are not considered closed-toe. When choosing footwear for your trip, keep in mind some shoes may overlap in purpose.

- Water shoes: These can be specifically designed water shoes/sandals or an extra pair of tennis shoes. They must have good traction on wet surfaces, provide support, and be quick drying (**Crocs are not appropriate.**) These shoes are used while canoeing and swimming in non-sandy water/rivers, river crossings, etc. (e.g. Sneakers, Keens, Chacos, or Tevas with secure ankle/heel straps).
- Sandals: These shoes are utilized in evenings and around campgrounds for comfort and helping feet breathe after being in other shoes all day. These shoes should be securable (e.g. shoes like Tevas, Chacos, or similar).

HIKING BOOTS

Miniwanca strongly suggests campers bring a pair of hiking boots that are sturdy, ankle high and well broken-in. Boots should be sized to fit comfortably with two pairs of socks (one lightweight and one heavyweight). Break in boots by wearing them regularly two months prior to coming to camp.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

If campers bring these items, staff will collect them and return them at the end of camp.

- Electronics such as smartphones, tablets, smartwatches, fitness trackers, e-readers, or other connected devices. Digital cameras are OK. Any smartphone or Internet-connected device will be checked into safekeeping for the duration of the session.
- Because we have campers with severe food allergies, outside food, beverages, candy, and gum are not allowed.
- Pocket knives, hunting knives, hatchets, axes, lighters, matches, candles, or fireworks.
- Aerosol cans for sunscreen, bug spray, hair spray, or other products
- All medications, including over-the-counter and vitamins, must be turned into the Health Team at check in. Please review our [Health Policies](#) for more information.