

## Frequently Asked Questions about What “Stuff” Kids Should Bring to Camp

### How do children store their clothes and other belongings in their cabin?

Most kids bring a trunk, which sits at the foot of their bed. Large duffle bags which can slide underneath the beds are also used, but a trunk is preferable. Some children bring small plastic drawer units which can be placed along the walls between the beds. No-one needs more stuff than can fit in one trunk and a duffle!

### Does my child need a back-pack? Should it have an internal or external frame?

All campers should have a day-pack, as every child will go on at least one day hike and one canoe trip where they will need to take some extra clothes and a lunch. Children who are 12 or older will have opportunities to go on longer, overnight hikes where a back-pack will be necessary. All such trips are optional, however. So long as her back-pack fits her well, it does not matter what kind of frame it has.

### Are Ipods, radios, cd players, etc. allowed at camp? What about cell phones and game devices?

Ipods, radios, etc. are allowed at camp, but their use is tightly restricted and most children choose to leave this equipment at home. They may only be used for music (no movies) inside a cabin, with a counselor's permission, and at a volume which cannot be heard outside. Cell phones and game devices are **not** allowed.

### My daughter will take riding for the first time and may decide she doesn't like it. Do you have equipment she can use? If not, what is the minimum we need to buy and can you recommend an inexpensive source?

Each child signed up for riding needs her own, properly fitting helmet meeting current safety standards, a simple pair of boots with a raised heel, and two pairs of regular jeans. Riding boots and jodhpurs are not required. An excellent source of riding apparel of all brands and price ranges is The Stone Pony, 131 Amherst Street, Amherst, N.H. The phone there is 603-883-2221.

### Do kids bring teddy bears and other soft items they like to sleep with?

Absolutely. The counselors bring theirs as well. No live animals, however!

### Do campers need to bring a dress, or anything more formal than what appears in the catalogue?

Children going into the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and older have the option of attending an evening dance 2-3 times a session with nearby boys' camps. They will need a simple dress or a pant outfit for such events. Any dress or skirt must extend below your child's fingers when her arm is outstretched by her side!

### What shoes will be necessary?

Every child should have two pairs of sneakers, a pair of hiking boots, and a pair of Tevas or sandals with a wrap around the ankle. Please note these requirements, and please do not send footwear such as flipflops or clogs with no such wrap around the ankle (despite what your daughter may say)!

### Do clothes get lost in the laundry? What condition will they be when and if they arrive home?

We have an outside laundry service which washes each child's clothing separately, then folds and puts it back into her bag. With children living in close quarters and wearing similar clothing, of course, it is not unusual for one child's clothes to wind up in another person's bag. Nametags help, but are not foolproof in this regard! The condition of your daughter's clothes at summer's end can best be described as “well used”.

### Does my daughter need a tennis racquet? How about a camera?

Every child should bring a tennis racquet. Many kids bring “instant cameras” to take picture of their friends; a few bring digital cameras and we are always happy to post their photos on our website.