

Packing List



Clothing

- 10 pair Underwear
- 2 sets Pajamas
- 5 pairs Shorts
- 10 T-shirts
- 4 pairs Jeans or sweatpants
- 2 Sweatshirts
- 1 Jacket (polar fleece is best weight)

Swimgear

- 2 Beach Towels
- 2 Swim Suits (one piece swim suits recommended for girls at watersports)
- 1 Swimshirt (for UV protection)

Footwear

- 10 pairs Socks
- 2 pairs Athletic Shoes (see Packing Tips)
- 1 pair Flip Flops/Sandals or Water Shoes

Bath

- Bath Towels & Wash Cloths (2 of each)
- Toiletries & Ditty Bag (including: toothbrush & paste, soap, shampoo, sunblock, lotion, lip protection with sunscreen, & bug repellent. All of these items are available in the camp store)

Indicates item is available for purchase in the camp store.

Laundry is done by camp staff for every camper once per two-week session.

Packing Tips

Packing for camp is the start of your child's independent camp experience. Please have your child participate in packing for camp so that he/she knows where to find their clothing and other items. Campers who don't participate in packing often don't know what they have or where to find things at camp, which makes it harder to get acclimated to camp.

Luggage

- For our two-week (and longer) sessions, we recommend campers pack in two pieces of luggage. One larger piece (soft-sided trunk or footlocker) can be used for most of the camper's clothing. A smaller duffel bag can be used for sleeping bag, pillow, and other equipment that doesn't fit in the main piece of luggage. The smaller duffel bag will be used for travel to and from Shaver Lake. For campers traveling by air and coming with only one piece of luggage, a backpack or small sport-sized duffel bag can be packed within your main bag and used for the Shaver trip. A small backpack is also useful for carrying a towel, shower supplies, or other equipment around the camp.

- All luggage must be tagged with camper's name. Use the enclosed yellow luggage tags so that your camper's luggage will be easily identifiable. Additional luggage tags will be available at the bus stops and camp on the first day of each session.

Labels

- All of your camper's clothing and belongings must be clearly labeled with your camper's full name. Items that are not labeled are unlikely to be returned to your camper after being sent to our camp laundry or if lost in the cabin or around camp.

Bedding

- Sleeping Bag (machine washable & rated to at least 30°F)
- Blanket or Sleeping Bag Liner for extra warmth
- Foam Pad and/or Small Tarp
- Pillow
- Pillow Cases
- Twin Fitted Sheet (to cover mattress)

Equipment

- Laundry Bag
- Water Bottle
- Hat or Visor
- Rain Poncho
- Flashlight or Headlamp
- Pair of Warm Gloves (knit)
- Beanie/Warm Hat

Optional Items

- Books
- Stationery (including stamps)
- Disposable Camera
- Booklight (for nighttime reading)
- Costume, Props, or Other Items for dance and theme days
- Wetsuit (A shorty or spring suit is recommended, but optional. Camp has a supply for camper use if you choose not to purchase one. Fit is not guaranteed, however.)
- Comfort Item (Stuffed Animal or Blanket)
- Photos of Family, Friends, or Pets
- Long Underwear

Shoes

• Our terrain at camp is rough and uneven, and appropriate footwear is a safety requirement. Please make sure your camper has at least one pair of closed-heel and closed-toe shoes that have adequate tread for walking on rocks, dirt, and other uneven surfaces. Running shoes, hiking shoes, or other athletic footwear work well at camp, as long as they fit the camper well and have adequate tread. Other types of shoes (flip flops, Crocs, Converse, etc.) can be worn in the cabin and at the waterfront, but closed-heel, closed-toe shoes must be worn while walking around camp, participating in activities, and traveling to and from camp.

Little Ones

• For younger campers, we recommend placing outfits in large zip lock bags or rolling outfits together. Roll together a t-shirt, shorts, underwear, and socks to create one outfit.

Climate

• Gold Arrow Camp is located at 7000 feet elevation, and our night time, mountain temperatures can get very chilly. Be sure your camper's sleeping bag is rated to at least 30° (or lower), so that your camper will be warm at night. Sleeping bags used for indoor, overnight sleeping are not sufficiently insulated for camp use.

What Not To Bring

• Do not send any of these items, as they are not allowed: food, candy (including gum), cash, water guns, silly string, water balloons, sling shots (or any other weapons), electronic games, cell phones, fireworks, knives, matches, lighters, tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs. Items such as cell phones, iPods, game boys, etc. will be sent home and the postage will be charged to the camper's store account. For campers traveling by air, iPods, cell phones, and travel money can be held in our office.

• Do not send valuable items such as expensive cameras and jewelry. We recommend campers use a disposable camera marked with their name. These can be purchased in the camp store.

• Send old clothes that do not require dry cleaning or special washing. Laundry is done once per session. Do not purchase new or irreplaceable items for camp, as they could get lost.

• Please do not send any personal athletic equipment (water skis, fishing poles, etc.). We provide top quality equipment that is sized for our campers.

To Help with Your Packing

Gold Arrow Camp recommends a few companies to help busy parents shop for camp clothing and equipment. It is not required that you purchase items from these vendors. Links to these websites are listed in the "Camp Supplies" tab in the Parents section of the camp website. You may also click the vendor name below in the PDF version of this page.

Westwind: Westwind offers many items included on our Packing List. The iron-on name labels are easy to use and highly recommended. Online ordering is available at goldarrowcamp.com by clicking on "Camp Supplies" in the Parent section. Items sold in the Westwind catalogue are different from items sold in our Camp Store at camp.

Gruvy Wear: One required clothing item is a swim shirt (protective shirt made of quick-drying fabric that provides a UPF of 50+). Gruvy Wear shirts are printed with "Gold Arrow Camp" and a fun way to keep your camper protected from the summer sun. Any swim shirt with UV protection is fine for camp, so do not feel obligated to purchase through Gruvy Wear. A limited selection of Gruvy Wear swim shirts will be available in the Camp Store.

Everything Summercamp: We recommend their Pop Up Soft Trunk. It is a lighter weight than most hard-sided trunks, keeps its shape when empty, and folds flat for easy storage.

Have More Questions?

Please call the camp office at 800-554-2267 or email at mail@goldarrowcamp.com.