

Ranch Camp Packing List

- Sleeping Bag or heavy blankets
- Pillow
- Fitted sheet
- Riding boots or shoes with at least a ½" heel
- Extra pair(s) of long pants
- Shorts, pants, shirts
- Heavy sweater, sweatshirt, or jacket
- Undergarments
- Socks (required daily-pack extras)
- 2 Bathing suits – preferably one-piece
- Pajamas
- Bandana or hat
- Raincoat or poncho (no umbrellas please)
- Sturdy shoes, two pairs (closed toe/heel)
- Old sneakers or water shoes for boating or wading
- Flip flops or water shoes for showering
- Washcloth, shampoo, soap, deodorant
- 2 towels
- Toothbrush, toothpaste
- Comb, brush
- Feminine sanitary products (if needed)
- Backpack
- Flashlight, extra batteries
- Water bottle
- Insect repellent, sunscreen (non-aerosol)
- Mess Kit, Dunk Bag

Optional items for Packing List

- Laundry bag or extra pillow case
- Waterproof boots (rain boots)
- Sit-upon or football game cushion
- Stationary, pen/pencil, stamps, envelopes
- Camera, extra batteries

*Long pants and boots with a ½" heel are REQUIRED for riding. Rain boots will also work as long as they have a flat edge on the inside heel. Clothing must be snug to prevent being tangled in the saddle. Jewelry, especially hoop earrings, heavy pendants and bracelets should not be worn.

Packing Tips

Pack clothing/equipment into one duffel bag, tote, backpack or old suitcase. It is strongly recommended for your camper to pack everything into a Rubbermaid container for the week. Girls should be able to carry their own gear. Girls should help pack their own gear so they know what they are bringing to camp. Put camper's name on **all** of her clothing and equipment. Use nametags or a laundry marker. If you bring a laundry or garbage bag for her dirty clothing, please label that bag with her name.

The checklist is for your convenience. Avoid unnecessary purchases. If you can substitute something on the list with an item you already have, feel free to do so. Remember, she will be

outdoors most of the time and, therefore, need clothing suitable for warm days and cool mornings and evenings, as well as rain. We suggest she brings enough clothes to have a complete change every two days. Leave anything of value at home. We cannot be responsible for missing articles or items ruined by mildew, dampness or dust.

Please do not bring the following:

FOOD/SNACKS/CANDY – Meals are plentiful, snacks are provided, and food in tents and cabins attracts critters (i.e. skunks, raccoons, and other woodland creatures). Girls will be asked to “turn in” any food or candy they bring with them. Please do not send food, candy or snacks in care packages to your campers. Unless your camper has special dietary needs that absolutely require her to bring her own food, please leave all food at home.

CELL PHONES & ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES – Electronic communication devices (i.e. cell phones, pagers, blackberries, etc.) are not permitted in camp by campers or staff members. If brought to camp, they will be labeled and kept in the office until check-out. Cell phone use by one camper often negatively impacts other camper’s homesickness. We encourage your child to be independent, so her counselors and Camp Director will work together with her to resolve any issues or concerns. If problems arise that our staff cannot handle, we will contact a parent or guardian. If parents have any concerns, or in case of emergencies, they are always welcome to call camp and speak to the Camp Director.

VALUABLE ITEMS – iPods, CD players, mp3 players, portable DVD players, radios, electronic games (Gameboy, iPods, Nintendo DS, etc.), cell phones, pagers, expensive jewelry (and anything else you might be considered valuable) should be left at home. These items are unnecessary at camp, and dampness could ruin these items. Girl Scouts is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen items.

OTHER- Weapons, fireworks, alcohol/tobacco/illegal substances, lighters, aerosol cans, personal sports equipment

Frequently Asked Packing Questions

Why two bathing suits? The girls will swim everyday (weather permitting) and sometimes multiple times in a day. It’s nice to have a dry bathing suit to put on.

Why do I need to pack a fitted sheet if I’m packing a sleeping bag? Most girls find it more comfortable to have a sheet lining the vinyl mattress.

Why do I need heavy blankets in the summer time? Even in the summer it can get chilly at night,

especially with the breeziness of camp.

Can campers wear sleeveless shirts? Yes, however we will not allow halter tops, spaghetti straps or anything that is deemed overly revealing.

Do I really need to pack two pairs of shoes? Living outdoors, girls can get wet and messy. Sudden downpours are frequent at camp and can leave a pair of shoes wet for the rest of the week. It's best to plan for that by packing an extra pair.

What are the water proof boots for and where can I find them? At camp, we do a lot of walking on grass, which can be very wet in the morning. Rain boots keep girls feet dry. Many staff members wear rain boots to breakfast and then change mid-morning, once the sun has dried the grass. Likewise, girls will have a chance to change, too. Rain boots can be found at retailers like Target and Wal-Mart.

Can my daughter wear Crocs? Crocs are really only suitable for wearing in the shower. They will not be allowed for daily camp wear. They are not ideal for wearing as water shoes either since they do not provide the necessary traction, support or protection for being in the creek.

What is a mess kit? A mess kit is a compact, lightweight metal cooking kit that typically includes a plate, frying pan, pot, and cup. Mess kits can be found at retailers such as Dicks Sporting Goods, Gander Mountain and Wal-Mart.

Why do I need a mess kit? Overnight camps lasting more than one night will include at least one cook-out. Typical 5-night camps will cook out at least one breakfast, lunch and dinner (on different days). Campers need appropriate tableware to eat from. Although mess kits are designed to be used for cooking too, you will not need a cooking strength kit. Alternatively, you can pack a plastic plate, cup, bowl and silverware.

What is a dunk bag? A dunk bag is a bag which holds mess kit components. It is made of mesh so that campers can hang their mess kits to air dry.