

TVRC Camper Equipment List

This list is the *recommended* equipment list for camp. As all children have individual preferences, please feel free to tailor the packing list to meet your camper's needs.



Items marked with an asterisk (*) are available for purchase in the camp store.

Luggage

- Trunk/Footlocker** — Trunks will be used as your child's primary storage in his/her cabin. You can purchase trunks at www.everythingsummercamp.com. The promotional code for TVRC is CABIN405TV. You may also purchase trunks from other vendors.
- Duffel*** — Army-style duffels should have a clip closure and be no bigger than 38"x24". Duffels are used on horse pack trips and thus, the clip closure (rather than zipper) is necessary.

Bedding/Linens

- Twin sheet sets (2)** — you may send one flannel and one cotton set if your camper tends to get cold at night
- Pillow cases (2)** — TVRC can provide pillows
- Down/warm comforter** — The key to this blanket is warmth. Temperatures drop significantly at night. Campers may choose to use their sleeping bag as an alternative.
- Warm blanket** — Fleece or other, for use as an added layer of warmth
- Bath towel (2)**
- Laundry bag (1)**

CLOTHING

Tops

- Short sleeve T-shirts (6-8)***
- Long sleeve T-shirts (3)** — cotton or other lightweight
- Western-style button down shirts (2-3)** — for rodeos and horseback riding
- Warm shirts (2)** — flannel or wool
- Synthetic/wicking T-shirt (1-2)**
- Sweatshirt (1)***
- Plain white T-shirt (1)** — for Rough Riders/Top Hands

Jackets/Outerwear

- Fleece or warm synthetic pullover (1)**
- Warm down/winter jacket (1)**
- Vest (optional)**
- Rain jacket (1)**
- Rain pants (1)**
- Denim jacket (1)** — required for Wranglers

**NOTE: Packing warm layers is key. It's not unusual for us to see snow in the summer, particularly in boys' season. At times, campers may wear all their layers at once, and layering is much more effective than wearing a single heavy jacket. If your camper has other articles of warm/winter clothing, please send them!

Bottoms

- Jeans (3-4)** — for horseback riding
- Shorts (2)** — for in-camp activities
- Lightweight hiking/athletic shorts (2)**
- Lightweight hiking pants (1)** — zip-off style pants can be used, but are not required
- Sweatpants/warm pajama pants (1)***

Underwear/Baselayers

- Underwear (10+)**
- Lightweight socks (8)**
- Wool socks (4)** — for backpacks, pack trips, etc. Wool socks are important for warmth and wicking
- Warm PJs (1)** — optional, long underwear can be worn in camp as an alternative
- Long underwear top (2)**
- Long underwear bottoms (2)**

**Long underwear/baselayers are important for warmth and for wicking moisture away from the body. Several different companies make suitable products, including Patagonia, Under Armour, Icebreaker, SmartWool, etc.

FOOTWEAR

- Hiking boots (waterproof)** — At least ankle-high. Boots are difficult to dry, so be sure to purchase waterproof or GoreTex boots. Hiking boots should be well broken-in prior to camp.
- Cowboy boots/riding boots** — For horseback riding. Boots can be purchased several places, including Boot Barn, Shepler's, Country Outfitter, etc. Cowboy boots should also be broken-in prior to camp.
- Sneakers**
- Sandals/Lightweight shoes with heel straps** — Crocs, Chacos, Tevas, or similar sandals are appropriate. These shoes can be worn on hot days, traveling to/from the showers, as an alternate shoe on backpacking/pack trips, and while swimming in lakes/ponds.

GEAR

- Sleeping bag with compression sack** — can be down or synthetic; must have a compression sack
**NOTE: A good sleeping bag will be one of the most important purchases you make for your camper. For boys' season, a 0-degree rated sleeping bag is necessary, and a sleeping bag rated to 20-degrees or lower is necessary for girls' season.
- Headlamp**
- Water bottles (2-3)*** — at least 32 oz./1 L
- Sunglasses with strap***
- Gaiters*** — necessary for boys' season campers, should come to just below the knee
- Backpack** — day pack size
- Baseball cap/visor***
- Cowboy hat (optional)**
- Warm knit hat***
- Warm gloves** — wool, fleece, or other synthetic
- Leather work/roping gloves***
- Belt**
- Bandanna*** — Required for Yearlings
- Lariat rope***

Toiletries

- Soap**
- Shampoo/conditioner**
- Toothbrush/toothpaste**
- Comb/brush**
- Sunscreen***
- Insect repellent***
- Lip balm (2+)***

Miscellaneous

- Paper/envelopes** — for writing home
- Pens/pencils**
- Stamps*** — available in Trading Post
**NOTE: It's helpful to send your camper with addresses of friends/family members.
- Books**
- Small journal**
- Batteries*** — for headlamp

OPTIONAL

- Crazy Creek chair***
- Costumes**
- Playing cards**
- Camera** — If a digital camera is sent, we recommend sending a heavy-duty case as the backcountry can be tough on electronics. Disposable cameras are a great option!
- Musical instrument** — Campers are encouraged to share their musical talents at campfires
- Bows** — for archery
- Fly fishing gear**
- Camelback**
- Knife** — blade must be less than 2.5"
- Extra flashlight**
- Sleeping pad** — we provide these for campers
- Hiking backpack** — if your child has a hiking backpack, please feel free to send it; we do provide backpacks for all campers. Packs >60L are preferred.
- Sports equipment** — lacrosse stick, baseball mitt, etc.

NOTES

- **Laundry** — We do camper laundry weekly. Because of the volume of laundry we receive, it is impossible to meet specific requests. Please do not send your camper with delicate, irreplaceable items as all clothing will go through wear and tear.
- **Sharing Equipment** — Brothers and sisters may share equipment such as sleeping bags, headlamps, bedding, etc. If you would like your children to share gear, please let the office know in advance and we will keep equipment in the camp office between seasons.
- **Shopping for Outdoor Gear** — Many stores/websites carry the gear/clothing required for campers. It pays to comparison shop. TVRC does not endorse a single company, but we are happy to recommend several places to look. LL Bean, EMS, REI, Sierra Trading Post, backcountry.com, The Clymb, may be good options.

****Please clearly label each and every item you send to camp! This will help ensure that your camper comes home with everything they brought to camp!****

Leave at Home!

- **Electronics** — We value the opportunity to "turn off" at camp and have a **no electronics** policy. Please leave cell phones, laptops, iPads, tablets, iPods, etc. at home. If a camper brings electronics for travel to/from the ranch, they will be stored in the office for the season.
- **Valuables/one-of-a-kind items**
- **Food**

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions about equipment that we have not answered here, please do not hesitate to contact the office! We are more than happy to provide recommendations for camper equipment.