2021 Day Camp Packing List

Campers are responsible for all items brought to camp. **LABEL EVERYTHING!** Girl Scouts in the Heart of PA is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen items. Please be advised that the list below represent supplies a single day at camp!

**Campers should wear or bring:**
- Wear Shorts/athletic shorts/pants each day
- Wear a shirt
- Bring or Wear a sweater, sweatshirt, or jacket
- Wear socks (bring an extra pair)
- Raincoat or poncho, if weather requires (no umbrellas please)
- Wear sturdy, closed toed, shoes (recommend bring a second pair)
- Waterproof boots (rain boots), if weather requires

**Miscellaneous**
- Face Masks (cloth and/or disposable, bring one extra)

**Optional Items**
- Daypack or backpack (place all other items in)
- Refillable water bottle (name on it)
- Sunscreen and insect repellent (non-aerosol)
- Sunglasses
- Bandana or hat, Hair ties
- Chapstick and/or lip balm

**Theme Day Packing (Optional)**
More information on daily themes and activities will be included in your confirmation email two weeks before camp
- Myths & Legends: Princess/Knight/Hero/Disney Costumes or Dress, Capes, Tiaras, masks
- Mad Science: lab coats, safety glasses, favorite science shirt/attire, crazy scientist costume
- Pink shirt: On Wednesdays, all campers and staff are invited to wear pink.
- Slip and slide/sprinkler day: one bathing suit & towel

**Please do NOT bring the following:**

**CELL PHONES & ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES** – Items like cell phones, pagers, and electronic games are not permitted on camp by campers. If brought to camp, they will be labeled and kept in the office until check-out.

**Cell phone use by a camper often negatively affects the other campers by increasing 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, mp3 players, portable DVD players, radios, electronic games, cell phones, expensive jewelry, and anything else that might be considered valuable **should be left at home.** These items are unnecessary at camp and dampness could ruin these items.

**OTHER**- Weapons, fireworks, alcohol/tobacco/illegal substances, lighters, aerosol cans, personal sports equipment, pool toys, animals/pets.

**Packing Tips**

**Preparing for Camp**
Campers are encouraged to develop a sense of responsibility while at camp. They take care of themselves and their belongings with counselor supervision. We ask that you encourage your child to help select and pack her items for camp. (Don't worry too much about neatness!)
Clothes to Have Fun!
Please, send your camper in clothing that they can really play in. Campers will get involved in a “hands-on” way and their clothing may show the wear & tear. **Please, do not send expensive clothing to camp.** Camp will NOT be responsible for lost or damaged articles.

Labeling Clothes and Equipment
Before packing clothing and camp gear, remember to **mark/label each piece with your child’s name.** Mark the article of clothing so that the camper’s name will be easily seen when searched for. The collar, waistband, or tags of most clothing articles and inside hats/shoes works well. Mark names clearly on miscellaneous items as well! Don’t forget to mark bags.

We ask that you please use full names (no initials), as many campers will share similar initials. At camp, some clothing/items may be misplaced, left at camp, or packed into another child’s bag. Thus, proper “ID” on belongings and clothing will greatly assist in the return of articles to their proper owner.

Any lost and found items must be retrieved from camp. All lost and found items will be thrown out, donated, or cleaned for use at camp if they are not collected one month after the camp season ends. Lost and found items will NOT be mailed home.

Final Note to Packers
This 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.

Frequently Asked Questions
**Masks:** Girls can bring their favorite face masks to camp. However, we recommend that you pack extra! Cloth masks are fun, but a day under the sun can make them uncomfortable. It is highly recommended that you pack a few disposable masks as well. Facemasks could get lost or dirty during camp.

**Can campers wear sleeveless shirts?** Yes, however we will not allow halter-tops 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.

**Can my daughter wear Crocs or Chaco/Tiva sandals?** Crocs and sandals (with a back strap) are really only suitable for wearing during water activities.

**If I forget to send my camper with an item, what can I do?** Forgotten items can be dropped off at the Camp Office. Please remember to call or email the camp beforehand. Communication beforehand is essential. There are times on camp when no one is in the Camp Office. The Camp Director’s phone number and email can be found on your confirmation email.

**Have additional questions about camp?** Contact our Member Services team at 800-692-7816 or by email at [MemberServices@gshpa.org](mailto:MemberServices@gshpa.org).