

Packing Suggestions

(consider printing this out and checking it off as you pack)

Clothes for daytime dance classes, to last all week (there is no laundry at camp):

- T-shirts, long-sleeved shirts, shorts, capris, jeans, cargos
- Skirts & dresses
- Warm layers of clothes for chilly mornings & evenings:
 - Jackets, fleece, sweatshirts, sweaters, wristers, hats, scarves
 - Socks, leggings, legwarmers, sweats, uggs
- Undergarments
- Pajamas, sleepwear
- Bathrobe for walking to & from bathroom; showers are not very private, often closed with a flimsy curtain into a shared all gender bathroom
- Dress-up clothes for special events & evening dances
 - Costume gear, finery, props & accessories
 - Garlands, hats & ribbons (for parade and maypole)
 - Brightly colored/neon (for the techno contra if you feel like it)
 - Glow sticks and things that light up (for techno contra)
 - All white and all black outfits (plain), if you have them, for dance demos, performances
- Raincoats, ponchos or umbrellas (hey, it could happen!)

SHOES!! Please wear safe & appropriate footwear in dance classes. No bare feet, no sandals.

- Walking/hiking or athletic shoes/sneakers (useful for Morris dance and stiling)
- Flip flops or slides (as shower shoes)
- Indoor dance shoes (leather or smooth soles recommended)
- Hard-soled dance or clogging shoes (nice for rapper and Irish)
- Dance shoe bag (any bag with your name on it will do)
- Lots and lots of pairs of socks

For your room:

- Bedding: sleeping bag and/or twin blankets & sheets; pillows
- Ages 12-17:** sleeping pad and sleeping bags for potential Friday Chapel sleepover
- For families with small children: night-light, clip-on lamp & extension cord
- Baby gear if needed: crib, high chair, booster seat
- Earplugs (for serenity if rooming with any who snore)
- Towels: bath towels, hand towels, bath mat (optional)
- Extra sheets and rope for cabin privacy; pushpins (optional)
- Clotheslines, clothespins, hangers, and over-door type hooks
- Toiletries
- Soap for hand laundry (there are no washing machines at camp)
- Alarm clock
- Power strips, extension cords (particularly useful if in Miller/Morris dorms)
- Chargers for all your things that need charging

To use around camp (**label these items with your name**)

- Small packs to carry stuff from your dorm
- Water bottles** (reusable) **for each person!**
- Mugs** you can use and lose
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Unscented hand sanitizer, if you can
- Hat
- Recording devices & chargers (*for recording only; we recommend putting phones in silent airplane mode or leaving locked in car*)
- Real watch** *because, no cell service!*
- Low sand-chair or sit-upon or stadium seat (for sitting on the dance floor with your family at Family Gathering)
- Sports equipment: ping pong, volleyball, badminton, croquet, basketball
- Bike helmet** for stilt walking (if you have one)
- Hammock for R&R, with tree-friendly rigging
- Games: SET, big boggle, board games, cards, puzzles, coloring etc.
- Notebook and pens
- Reading material (paper preferred)
- Flashlights or headlamps & extra batteries or chargers

Special Items

- Print out photos of your family for the Family Bio page
- Any personal food for campers with special diets, or refreshments to share, *must be in a rigid cooler or rigid sealed container if stored in room*
- Any medications your family needs
- COVID-19 gear
 - spare rapid tests (we have some, but the more the better)
 - masks (not mandatory to wear, please bring 1 per person just in case)
- Teddy Bear (or any other stuffed friend) for Teddy Bears' Picnic
- Musical instruments, songbooks, and music stands
- Calling cards (if you have a dance you'd like to call)
- Any supplies needed for a skit or talent performance or for camper-led activity you'd like to lead
- For 2026:** white items for tie-dying, cowboy accessories for square dance, gloves for stagefighting
- Money: **Checkbook**; checks and/or cash for auction, store, snack shop, cafe (PayPal may work, and then only if you know your PayPal password)
- Items to donate to the Camp Auction:
 - musical items, dance clothing, music & dance books, crafts
 - outgrown costumes, parade finery
 - preserves, special catered meals, delivered pies, chocolate, alcohol
 - massages, serenades, hair-braiding

Please, no more than 5 donation items!

IRS guidelines on items sold at fundraising auctions: the donor may deduct the value of the donation; the buyer may deduct any amount paid that is greater than the value. BACDS is not able to provide appraisals of items or services.