

## **Counselor's Packing Guidelines - 2011**

**You are the 'culture keepers' for Echo Hill Ranch this summer:** Whether you're a new or returning counselor, please read and follow these Guidelines for what to bring to camp---what you wear and the belongings you bring set the tone for the whole summer and for all the kids----these guidelines are geared for building camp unity, providing health and safety, and for creating a low-tech, non-materialistic, outdoors, child-centered culture....so it's really important for you to enthusiastically support these Guidelines.

- **Hats:** You're expected to wear a hat outdoors from breakfast to dinner---the sun is fierce and we're at 3,000 ft. elevation. Please bring hat(s) you'll want to wear!

- **Shoes:** You must wear close-toed shoes at all times when outside of the cabin. Flip-flops are allowed only in the shower or when you are directly going swimming. If you bring sandals they must have close-toed fronts, e.g., Keen, \_

- **Laundry Bags** should be used for packing clothes and personal belongings. Please do not bring footlockers or suitcases as they take up too much space in the cabins.

- **Please do not bring:** expensive watches, jewelry, shoes with high heels, expensive makeup or hair supplies, clothes or bathing suits that are inappropriate for a junior age boys/girls camp because of their logo message or bikini design, large boom box, Game Boy, Large Box Fan.

- **Computers & Cell Phones & Ipods:** Laptops have to be stored in the Administrative Office and may only be used in the office in the evenings when you may have a night off. Cell reception is generally not existent but you should bring a cell phone for day off. Camp provides a laptop for staff to use at night with free internet access. Ipods can be used only during rest time in the afternoon and when going to sleep in the bunkhouse.

**PACKING LIST: Use your judgment in terms of how much and which items to bring, but please support the general tone of what's on this list**

Pants, Shorts, T-Shirts

- 2 Pairs of jeans or long pants
- 6 Pairs of shorts (blue, red, khaki)
- 3 Pairs of white shorts
- 6 White T-Shirts and/or Echo Hill T-Shirts
- 6 T-Shirts of favorite color, but appropriate for camp wear

Underwear, Socks, Pajamas

- 10 Pairs of Underwear
- 10 pairs of socks
- 2 pairs of pajamas

Bathing Suit and Towels

- 2 Bathing Suits (Two piece bathing suits that are modest are okay, but please no bikinis)
- 5 towels

Shoes

- 2 pairs of sneakers, one for regular wear and an alternate for water hikes
- 1 pair of hiking boots or sturdy sole shoes for hikes and horseback riding

---Close-toed sandal, crocks or Keens are appropriate---flip flops are only allowed in the cabin.

### For Sleeping

- 2 sets of sheets (twin-size or single)
- 2 pillow cases
- 1 pillow
- 1 summer season, light weight sleeping bag
- 1 blanket

### Hat and Outerwear

- 1 or 2 hats for daily wear: hats are required outdoors during the day, so send one child likes to wear!
- 1 raincoat or poncho
- 1 brightly colored Western Shirt or Western Outfit for Hoedown Night.
- 1 sweater or sweatshirt for cookouts & overnight camping

### Important Personal Supplies

- 2 Laundry Bags clearly marked with your name for packing to and from camp.
- 1 toilet kit with shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, hairbrush, and soap
- 1 flashlight and extra batteries
- Bug repellent (non-aerosol) and Sun Screen.
- Water Bottle that's easy to carry and is clearly labeled with camper's name.

### ADDITIONAL NOTES:

• [www.echohill.org](http://www.echohill.org) and As a unique benefit for counselors this summer, we're offering a **special 30% discount** on all items on our Online Store, as well as a complimentary Echo Hill coffee mug with each order. Please check out the store at enter the **Promotion Code: 123HOW** to get your discount! The Online Store has many useful and fun items with our camp logo, e.g., Laundry Bags, rain coats, western shirt, red & blue girl's shorts, white shorts for men and women, hooded sweatshirts, small backpacks, polo shirts, Echo Hill baseball caps & more.

• During the staff orientation, you'll receive two staff T-shirts. White shorts and staff T-Shirts or white blouses will be worn at Friday night and Sunday lunch. Whenever possible, follow the color guidelines of blue, white or red since this promotes camp unity.

• Your laundry will be washed/dried/folded professionally once a week during all camp sessions. Please send wash and wear clothes. Your names should be on all clothes and belongings. Please use black Permanent Markers or sewn on tags.

• We encourage bringing musical instruments, camping equipment or activity equipment that you'd like to use at the ranch—please be sure your name is on it! If it's very expensive or very fragile, well, maybe you should leave it at home!

### OPTIONAL ITEMS

Western Boots, Bandanas, Aquasox, Camera/Film, Books/Magazines, small radio or personal CD player, Musical Instrument, Baseball glove/tennis racket, Water Bottle, drinking cup or canteen, small battery operated personal fan.