

YMCA Camp Potawatami Outdoor Education Suggested Clothing and Equipment List

Hello Parents and Guardians,

YMCA Camp Potawatami is excited to be hosting your child's school for an outdoor education trip. After their Outdoor Education experience at YMCA Camp Potawatami, your child will have a better appreciation for the natural world, new outdoor skills, enhanced group relationship skills and stronger personal ties with classmates and teachers. This is a guide for packing. It is not necessary to go out and purchase every item on the list – use your own judgment and make substitutions. Please remember your child will be very active and camp is rough on clothes. For this reason, we recommend that campers do not bring expensive clothing to camp. All clothes are subject to water, sand, mud, spills, grass stains, and paint.

Please note that camp weather can range from very hot to very cold, and sunny to rainy. All of our classes are designed to be held outdoors. Please pack clothing that will keep your child comfortable for the various potential weather conditions.

BEDDING: Sleeping bag or 2-3 blankets and a sheet and pillow and pillowcase. Be prepared for cool nights.

CLOTHING: We suggest students bring casual clothing that is suitable for a camp setting. Bringing new clothes is discouraged, as getting dirty is hard to avoid at camp. Clothing should be marked with each student's name.

SPRING/FALL LIST

- One pair of pajamas
- Shoes
- Daily change of socks and underwear (plus a few extra)
- Heavy and light shirts
- Warm jacket and sweater
- Raincoat
- Boots
- Two or three pair of jeans or pants (no dresses)
- Bug spray

COOLER WEATHER

- Additional socks-wool preferred
- Long underwear
- Stocking hat
- Gloves or mittens
- Winter coat with hood or scarf

TOILETRY ITEMS

- Toothpaste and toothbrush
- Soap and shampoo
- Bath towel and washcloth
- Brush or comb

OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

- Disposable Camera
- Pencils and notebook
- Flashlight

*If your school is using the camp store, money may be brought, but should be kept by the teachers.

Leave these things at home: electronics, knife, food, or gum.