

Sangamon! Packing List

Note: laundry is sent out once a week. Send older clothes, the laundry is a bit rough on clothing.

Required Items:

daypack
leakproof water bottle
flashlight (can be a headlamp)
waterproof(!) raincoat

General Items:

8 pairs of underwear
8 t-shirts
2 or 3 pairs of shorts
2 long pants or jeans
8 pairs of socks (they'll almost all get lost!)
1 long-sleeved shirt
1 or 2 sweatshirts or fleece sweaters
2 swimsuits
2 sets of sleeping apparel (pajamas or boxers or... as he prefers)
Sleeping bag (not warmer than 30 degrees or he won't be able to be inside on most nights)
Pillow with 2 cases
Laundry bag – mesh is good
Rain/sun hat or baseball hat – name inside please. (Red Sox preferred, Yankees tolerated, others welcome)
Sneakers or closed toed running shoes (for running around games)
Rain shoes – waterproof/ odor proof shoes. Crocs or the like.
Hike/bike shoes – good off-road shoes or hiking boots.

Let's talk about shoes for a minute because this has gotten a little more complicated over the years! We recommend one pair of sneakers, one pair of good off-road shoes or hiking boots and one pair of either sandals, Crocs, Keens or the like. Some shoes may answer more than one of these needs, but at the end of the day please make sure your son has at least one pair of closed toed shoes that he can do some serious playing and adventuring in. Only bringing flip flops to camp will exclude your son from a lot of the fun!

Toiletries: with some kind of carrying container

3 towels
2 face cloths
Soap with a case
Toothpaste and toothbrush
Comb or hairbrush
Deodorant
Fingernail clippers and some skill using them

Nice to have:

Sunglasses, headlamp - for reading after lights out, camera, fishing tackle, tennis racket, lacrosse stick, ball glove, non-amplified musical instruments, books.

Leave this stuff at home!

Cellphones, electronic games, any internet connection device, any device that stores movies, TV shows, etc. Don't bring very expensive fishing rods and tennis rackets, small/easily lost cameras or other items that you care about which can get broken or lost in a "boys' world".

* We also "**recommend against**" pocket knives (sheath knives are banned entirely). They are not needed at camp and we will supply knives for crafts. See parent's letter for more details on restricted use.

Don't be afraid to ask! We've all had the experience of thinking everything is in the bag only to arrive and realize we forgot something at home. Please encourage your son to speak up if he has forgotten something and we will gladly help!