

Hosmer Point Packing List

PUT YOUR NAME ON EVERYTHING YOU BRING!

ITEMS TO LEAVE AT HOME

Jewelry and other expensive belongings, cell phones, tablets and laptops, e-readers (kindles), smart watches, radios, mp3 players, electronic games and devices, hair dryers, lighters, matches, and food (including candy and gum). HP is not responsible for damage to or theft of these items. Other prohibited items include weapons, hatchets/axes, fireworks, tobacco, cannabis, alcohol, and vapes/jules. Camp is a time to unplug, make new friends, and connect to nature. E-readers can be used to connect to the internet. Don't worry about having something to read – Hosmer Point has a large lending library of young adult fiction. Food in cabins attracts wild animals and can be hazardous for campers with allergies.

BINS AND DUFFEL BAGS

Pack all your gear in a trunk, plastic “under the bed” storage bin, large duffel bag, or other suitcase (most campers use duffel bags or bins). You will drop off your gear in the parking area and our staff will deliver it to your cabin, so one large bag is better than several small ones. Most of your belongings will need to fit under your bunk inside your bin or bag. The space under our bunk beds is at least 15 inches high.

MEDICINES

Any medicines (prescription or over-the-counter, including vitamins and herbal remedies) should be in a labeled zip-lock bag, separate from your luggage. You will turn these over to the camp nurse at check-in.

LAUNDRY

Hosmer Point does not provide laundry services. **You should bring enough clothing to last a full camp session.**

WEATHER

Be prepared for warm and cool weather. Temperatures are likely to be as high as the mid 80s during the day, and as low as the high 40s at night. Most camp activities take place outdoors, rain or shine. Bring rain gear!

TICK SAFETY

Although ticks are less common in this part of Vermont (last summer we found only two or three), we recommend wearing light-weight long pants and spraying your shoes and socks with an EPA certified tick repellent (such as 30% Deet or 30% lemon eucalyptus oil) during activities in the woods.

CLOTHES

You will get dirty at camp, and your clothes may never be the same. Don't bring your favorite outfits.

MOUNTAIN BIKES

If you have your own good-quality mountain bike and helmet and would like to ride at camp, please bring them with you! The trails at camp are fairly advanced, and require a mountain bike designed for trail riding, with suspension. Road bikes are not appropriate. Campers can safely store their bikes in our bike barn. If you do not have your own bike and would like to ride at camp, we will have some loaner bikes available.

POCKET KNIVES

Pocket knives that fold and have a blade length of four inches or less are permitted on camp (larger and non-folding knives, hatchets, and other blades are not permitted). **Please bring the knife with you when you check in** (not in your luggage). We will administer a skills assessment and safety course the next day. After successful completion, camper's knives will be returned.

PASSPORTS AND PHONES FOR TRAVEL

If campers are flying home and have a passport, photo ID, phone, or money they will need for the trip; please turn these over to camp staff at check-in. They will keep them safe in the camp office until closing day. Make sure any phones or electronic devices are turned off.

MAKE A LIST OF WHAT YOU PACK

It's a good idea to make a list of the items you bring so you can make sure you have everything when you leave, especially if a different person is picking up than the one who dropped off the camper. Closing day is busy, and it can be easy to forget a backpack or pillow in the parking area.

PARENTS - PACK WITH (NOT FOR) YOUR CAMPER

Knowing what is in their bag and where to find it is both a great way to mentally prepare for the camp experience and a practical necessity!

Packing Checklist

- 6-10 short sleeve shirts
- 1 long-sleeved shirt
- 2 pairs of long pants (one pair should be quick drying or synthetic)
- 4-5 pairs of shorts (at least one pair should be quick drying or synthetic)
- Underwear for 2 weeks
- Socks for 2 weeks
- 2 wool or synthetic fleece tops or sweatshirts
- 1-2 sets of sleepwear
- 2 bathing suits (no string bikinis or anything that may come off when you go down the waterslide!)
- Small backpack for water bottle and extra gear
- One set of “fancy dress” clothes (dress, skirt, or button-down shirt) for last night of camp festivities
- 1 cloth or mesh laundry bag for dirty clothes
- Rain jacket
- 1 or 2 pairs of sturdy footwear (sneakers and/or hiking boots). Bring two pairs if you have them!
- 1 pair of wet shoes or sandals with a captured heel
- Personal toiletries (remember, perfumed and scented products attract bugs!)
- Bath towel
- Bug repellent (non-aerosol)
- Sunscreen
- Sleeping bag or warm comforter
- Twin-size sheets and pillow case
- Pillow
- 2 water bottles (please label) - bring two in case one gets lost!
- Flashlight or headlamp (and extra batteries)
- Beach towel

Optional items

- Watch (waterproof is best. Some campers would say this is essential!)
- Cash money to purchase items in the camp store. Typical purchases are a camp hoodie (\$30) or waterbottle (\$15-\$20). There are also supplies like stamps, postcards, and soap (but no snacks or candy). Most bring \$30 - \$50. Parents can also make purchases for their campers on closing day.
- Book or magazine to read during cabin time (we have many to borrow as well)
- Stationery, stamps, pens, pencils (for writing letters home), notebook or journal, drawing supplies
- Camera
- Spare glasses (if you have them)
- Sunglasses
- Hat with visor or wide brim
- “Egg crate” or other foam mattress pad (our beds have mattresses, but some campers like to have a pad too)
- Costumes or “wacky” clothes for skits and casino night
- Sports equipment (such as shin guards and cleats, mountain bike and helmet) if you plan to do those activities - see notes on bikes above.
- White clothing to tie-dye