HOMESTEAD ADVENTURE PACKING LIST

Wilderness Adventure at Eagle Landing | Lodge-Based Summer Camp

Homestead Adventure combines full days of outdoor activities with comfortable evenings in our lodges. Pack practical, quick-drying clothing for climbing, paddling, caving, hiking, and camp games, plus comfortable clothes for showers, downtime, and sleeping indoors. Campers do not need to carry all their belongings on trail.

WAEL provides activity-specific equipment, meals, and lodge accommodations. Bring personal items in a labeled duffel bag or suitcase. A small daypack is required for daily outings. Staff will coordinate any extra gear for optional overnight excursions.

PACKING TIPS

- Choose lightweight, quick-drying clothing. Avoid denim and heavy cotton for outdoor activity days.
- Lightweight hiking pants protect against ticks, insects, brush, irritating plants, and sun better than shorts.
- Pack a sun hoodie or lightweight long-sleeved shirt, reliable rain protection, and shoes that are already broken in.
- Label clothing, towels, and personal belongings with the camper's name. Pack items that can get dirty or wet.

CLOTHING – 1-WEEK SESSION

- ☐ 4–5 quick-dry T-shirts
  Non-cotton fabric recommended for activity days.
- ☐ 1 sun hoodie or lightweight long-sleeved shirt
  Strongly recommended for sun and insect protection.
- ☐ 1 fleece or lightweight warm layer
- ☐ 1 waterproof rain jacket
  Rain pants are also recommended.
- ☐ 2 pairs of lightweight hiking pants
  Preferred for trail and wooded activities.
- ☐ 2–3 pairs of athletic shorts
  Useful for sports and hot weather. Pants offer more trail protection.
- ☐ 1–2 swimsuits / swim shorts
  Swimsuits must be one-piece.
- ☐ 6–7 pairs of underwear
- ☐ 6–7 pairs of socks
  Include 2–3 pairs suitable for hiking.
- ☐ 1 pair of sturdy walking or hiking shoes
  Break in before arrival.
- ☐ 1 pair of water shoes or sport sandals
  Secure heel strap required. No slides or Crocs for activities.
- ☐ 1 pair of shower shoes / flip-flops
  For lodge and shower use only.
- ☐ Sleepwear / pajamas
- ☐ 1 clean outfit for departure
  Set aside separately for the final day.

FOR 2-, 3-, OR 4-WEEK SESSIONS

Laundry is provided for campers attending sessions longer than one week. Pack approximately one week of clothing using the quantities above. A few extra favorite items are welcome.

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TOILETRIES & PERSONAL CARE

- ☐ Toothbrush and toothpaste
- ☐ Shampoo, conditioner, and body wash
  Regular-size containers are fine for lodge use. Seal to prevent leaks.
- ☐ Deodorant
- ☐ Hairbrush / comb and hair ties
- ☐ Sunscreen (SPF 30+)
- ☐ Insect repellent
  DEET-based repellent is recommended. Follow the product label.
- ☐ Menstrual products, if needed
- ☐ Prescription eyeglasses / contact supplies
  Bring backup eyeglasses if wearing contacts.
- ☐ Personal medications
  Provide and disclose according to WAEL medical procedures.

SLEEP & LODGE ESSENTIALS

- ☐ Personal pillow (optional)
  WAEL provides bedding. A familiar pillow can add comfort.
- ☐ Bath towel and washcloth
- ☐ Small laundry bag
  To separate worn clothing.
- ☐ Water bottle (WAEL supplies one)
  Label any personal bottle.

OUTDOOR DAY-TRIP ESSENTIALS

- ☐ Small lightweight daypack
  For water, lunch, an extra layer, and daily essentials.
- ☐ Flashlight or headlamp + batteries
- ☐ Sun hat / baseball cap
  Strongly recommended.
- ☐ Small quick-dry activity towel
  Useful after paddling or swimming.
- ☐ 2 resealable waterproof bags
  For small personal items and damp clothing.

OPTIONAL PERSONAL ITEMS

- ☐ Notebook, journal, or sketchbook + pencil
  For nature observations, drawings, and reflections.
- ☐ Disposable or basic digital camera
  Check with staff about camera use and storage.
- ☐ Book or quiet activity
  For lodge downtime.
- ☐ Sunglasses
- ☐ Compact card game

PLEASE LEAVE AT HOME

Personal phones, other unnecessary electronics, jewelry, valuables, lighters, matches, and all knives, including pocket knives (for safety reasons).

BEDDING & SPECIAL PROGRAM ITEMS

WAEL provides bedding for Homestead campers. Families may also send personal bedding, a favorite pillow, or a sleeping bag to help campers feel comfortable in their own sleeping space. Staff will advise on any equipment needed for optional overnight excursions.