



HOLMES CAMP & RETREAT CENTER WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP – OVERNIGHT CAMPS



Make certain every item is marked with your full name so we can attempt to return any misplaced items.

Clothing Items

Make sure to pack enough to last for the whole session – washer/dryer is unavailable to campers except in special circumstances.

- Shorts & long pants
- Short & long sleeved t-shirts
- Underwear & socks
- Pajamas
- Sturdy closed-toe shoes – 2 pairs recommended in case one gets wet
- Sweater and jacket
- Rainy day clothes & coat
- Swimsuits (for active swimming and water games, two if you have them!)
- Hat
- Sandals for shower and waterfront (you need to wear closed-toe shoes to and from the waterfront)

Toiletries

- Shampoo and conditioner
- Soap in a container
- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Something to carry toiletries in; a mesh bag works well
- Comb and/or brush
- Bath towel and washcloth
- Beach towel for the waterfront
- Deodorant
- Feminine necessities

Other “Must Have” Items

- Sleeping bag or bed linens – campers will sleep out during the week
- Pillow and pillow Case
- Laundry bag
- Plastic bag for wet clothes
- Insect repellent – we prefer pump sprays or lotions
- Sunscreen – waterproof is best!
- Flashlight and batteries
- Day pack, backpack or book bag (to tote towels, etc. to waterfront)

Optional Items

- Earplugs, goggles, swim cap
- Stamps, stationary, pen/pencil
- T-shirt for dyeing – we will also have white Holmes Camp shirts for sale that work great for dyeing
- Sunglasses
- Book to read during rest time

What NOT To Bring:

- Expensive items, sentimental items, jewelry
- Electronic items, digital music players, e-readers, video games
- Cell phones
- Pocket knives or other weapons (including jack knives)
- Water guns or pistols
- Food, snacks or candy
- Alcohol, tobacco, drugs, firearms and fireworks
- Anything which would result in tremendous unhappiness if it were lost, broken or got dirty
- Extra spending money, wallets, purses – campers can create a Canteen account during Check-In

Items for Specific Camps

Camp Q

- Nice comfortable walking shoes for day trip to NYC
- Nice bottoms for day trip to NYC – avoid ripped clothing if possible
- Holmes will provide a unisex t-shirt for the trip to the city

Pirate Camp

- Extra swimsuit/water clothes

Wilderness Camp/Nature Explorers

- Shoes that are good for hiking
- A compass (Optional)

Go Green Camp

- Clothes to get muddy in!

Arts Camp

- Any instrument you may want to bring
- Any art supplies you may want to bring

Bike Camp

- A bike! (Your bike will be checked by our professionals to make sure it meets certain standards. If it doesn't, we will be able to supply bikes)
- An appropriate bike helmet

Night Owls

- Black clothes for night games!
- Extra batteries for flashlights