

YOSEMITE

2023 Clothing + Equipment List



We've provided packing recommendations below; however, equivalent items work just fine. We also offer many items for sale or rent via our online store. These items are marked with an "x" in the appropriate column. Gear rentals will be sent with your leaders, and you'll receive them at your arrival location.

[You can shop the Yosemite Clothing + Equipment List on the Gear Store!](#)

[Complete the Yosemite Rental Form on the Parent Dashboard!](#)

Located under "Forms for [Student Name]" >> "Domestic Gear Rentals (Backpacking)"

Keep in mind that June and July are still pretty chilly in California – especially on Mt. Shasta! Warm layers are very important, as evening temperatures can dip down in the low 40's.			
EQUIPMENT			
Gear	Quantity	Purchase	Description
Backpacks & Bags			
Duffel Bag	1		100 – 155 liters (<i>Recommendation: North Face Base Camp Duffel XL or Patagonia Black Hole Duffel 100 L</i>)
Backpack*	1		Internal frame; 65 - 80 liters *** Option to rent this from Moondance
Backpack Cover (waterproof)	1		Covers your backpack – 2 heavy duty trash bags work well!
Day Pack	1	x	20 – 30 liter daypack /school backpack is fine (<i>Recommendation: Patagonia Refugio Pack 26 L</i>)
Sleeping Gear			
Sleeping Bag	1		Synthetic sleeping bag rated 15° – 25° F with a compression stuff sack
Ground Pad	1		Insulating ground pad (<i>Recommendation: Therm-a-rest RidgeRest or Therm-a-Rest ProLite</i>)
NOTE: Your duffel bag needs to be able to fit all of your belongings. Your sleeping bag & ground pad will take up a lot of the room in your duffel, so we encourage you to pack light around those bulky items.			
Additional Equipment			
Water Bottles	2	x	Minimum 32oz water bottles (<i>Recommendation: Nalgene 1L wide mouth</i>)
Cup with Lid	1		Sturdy plastic or metal; thermal plastic mug is best (<i>Recommendation: 16oz Nalgene wide mouth</i>)
Bowl with Lid	1		(<i>Recommendations: Tupperware or Nalgene</i>)
Plastic Spoon	1		(<i>Recommendation: Light My Fire Spork</i>)
Sunglasses	1		Full Coverage, With 100% UV protection (<i>Recommendations: Goodr</i>)
Sunglasses Holders	1		(<i>Recommendations: Croakies or Chums</i>)
Headlamp	1		With fresh batteries + 2 sets of spare batteries (<i>Recommendation: Black Diamond Spot or Black Diamond Storm</i>)

FOOTWEAR & CLOTHING

Gear	Quantity	Purchase	Description
Footwear			
Hiking Boots	1		Heavy or medium weight boots - break them in before arrival! <i>(Recommendation: Vasque)</i>
River Shoes	1		These can be open-toed, but do need to have a back strap <i>(Recommendation: Chaco, Teva, Keen)</i> - no flip flops!
Tennis Shoes (optional)	1		One pair of old tennis shoes
Socks	6 Pair		5 non-cotton midweight hiking socks, other pair of lightweight socks for rock climbing <i>(Recommendation: Smartwool or Darn Tough)</i>
Gaiters	1 Pair		High / mid-calf length - must have strap to fit under hiking boots; no zippered gaiters, Velcro only! <i>(Recommendation: Outdoor Research Crocodile Gaiters-Men's)</i>
Upper Body Layers			
Long Underwear / Base Layer Top	2		Synthetic, non-cotton, medium-weight long sleeve top <i>(Recommendation: Patagonia Capilene Crew)</i> , 1 hooded sunshirt <i>(Recommendation: North Face Wander Sun Hoodie)</i>
T-Shirts	6	x	Minimum of 2 synthetic, non-cotton t-shirts <i>(Recommendation: Patagonia Capilene T-Shirt, Marmot Windridge)</i> , other shirts may be cotton
Long sleeve Sun shirt	1		<i>(Recommendation: Patagonia Men's Tropic Comfort Hoody II)</i>
Lightweight Top	1		Synthetic, non-cotton. This can be a fleece pullover, sweater, or a full-zip jacket <i>(Recommendation: Patagonia R1 fleece)</i>
Fleece Jacket	1		Heavy-pile fleece pullover or full zip jacket is good <i>(Recommendation: Patagonia R2 Jacket)</i>
Rain Jacket w/ hood	1		Must be 100 % waterproof - not water resistant <i>(Recommendations: Patagonia Torrentshell or Marmot Precip)</i>
Insulating Jacket	1		Poly-fill or medium weight down insulating jacket - mandatory for Shasta climb <i>(Recommendation: Patagonia Down Sweater Jacket)</i>
Sports Bra	4		For girls
Lower Body Layers			
Long Underwear / Base Layer Bottom	2		Synthetic, non-cotton medium weight long underwear bottoms <i>(Recommendation: Patagonia Capilene Lightweight/Midweight Bottoms)</i> , one pair can be leggings for girls
Rain Pants	1		100% Waterproof pants large enough to fit over regular pants
Fleece Pants	1	x	Synthetic, non-cotton fleece pants or heavyweight long underwear bottoms <i>(Recommendation: Patagonia Synchilla Fleece Pants or Patagonia R1 Pants)</i>
Hiking Pants	1		One pair synthetic, non-cotton hiking pants <i>(Recommendation: ExOfficio pant)</i>
Shorts	3		Two pair nylon, quick dry shorts <i>(Recommendation: Patagonia Baggies)</i>
Bathing Suit	1		Boys: your quick-dry shorts can double as your bathing suit
Underwear	7		Synthetic, non-cotton are best (but a couple cotton pairs are okay)
Head & Hands			
Gloves	1		One pair of medium-weight wool or fleece gloves
Glove or Mitten Rainshell	1		Waterproof cover for gloves - very important!
Warm Hat	1		Wool or fleece, non-cotton beanie

Baseball Hat	1	x	A baseball hat or wide-brimmed hat for sun protection
Mosquito Head Net	1	x	REQUIRED

PERSONAL ITEMS & MISCELLANEOUS GEAR

Gear	Quantity	Purchase	Description
Toiletries			
Dopp Kit*	1		Contains: toothbrush, toothpaste, prescription medication, travel shampoo & soap, deodorant (<i>Recommendation: Patagonia Black Hole Cube 6L – M</i>)
COVID-19 Vaccination Card + Copies	2		Valid COVID-19 vaccination card + 2 additional photocopies of your vaccination card
First Aid Kit*	1		Contains: Insect repellent, waterproof sunscreen , Band-aids, Moleskin , Chapstick w/ sun prevention, Wet Ones wipes, Dramamine (if prone to motion sickness), personal hand sanitizer
Prescription glasses + Contacts	2 Pair		If your child wears glasses and/or contacts, please bring at least one spare pair of glasses/ lenses. Contact lens wearers should bring a pair of glasses as backup in addition to contacts

*Please keep all toiletries in your checked luggage, with the exception of your toothbrush and any personal/prescription medication

Miscellaneous

Camp Chair	1	x	HIGHLY recommended (<i>Recommendation: Crazy Creek</i>)
Pack Towel	1	x	Absorbent & quick to dry, large or extra-large is ideal (<i>Recommendation: Sea to Summit Drylite Towel</i>)
Ground Tarp	1		Approximately 6' x 9'
Laundry Bag	1		Either mesh or other breathable fabric
Bandana / Buff	2	x	For additional sun and wind protection. Buffs are tube-like and can be worn up to 12 different ways providing versatile sun protection. Can even be worn as a headband!
Whistle	1		Small, pea less plastic will do
Wallet	1		Personal wallet with \$200 spending money and valid identification
Notebook with Pen	1		For journaling

OPTIONAL GEAR

Gear	Quantity	Purchase	Description
Notebook with pen	1		For journaling
Digital Camera	1		With charger, extra battery, and 32-64 GB memory card (<i>Recommendation: Canon Powershot G9 X</i>)
Go Pro	1	x	With charger, extra battery, and 32-64 GB memory card (<i>Used GoPros available for sale on Moondance Gear Store</i>)
External charger	1		Portable charger / power bank to charge camera and GoPro
Backpacker's Pillow	1		A luxury to have in the backcountry or while traveling
Carabiner	1		One non-plastic carabiner

Personal Protective Equipment: Mask	2	x	(2) reusable, breathable masks that completely cover nose and mouth and fit snugly; Moondance will not provide masks. To be used where it is required by trip location or outfitter. <i>(Recommendation: Moondance Buff)</i>
A Good Book	1		Paperback books are less bulky
*Since we don't allow cell phones during the course of our trips, you may not use your phones as a camera. Leaders will take photos that will be shared at the end of the summer.			

PACKING TIPS

NOTE: In the event that your luggage is delayed or lost in transit, we want you to be prepared. Therefore, wear tennis or hiking shoes on the plane. Plus, pack the following items from this packing list in your daypack / school backpack carry-on:

- A change of clothes (underwear + t-shirt + shorts or pants)
- Your rain jacket
- Prescription medications & toothbrush
- COVID-19 Vaccination Card
- Optional Personal Protective Equipment: Mask (2)
- ID, money

These items are already included in the packing list – they are not additional items!

LODGING / TRIP INFORMATION

SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS: 4-person, single gender tents at frontcountry and backcountry campsites.

EATING ARRANGEMENTS: Please bring all personal eating utensils listed on the packing list. Moondance will provide all group cooking gear.

If you have any special dietary restrictions / considerations, please contact the Moondance office for further information.

Questions? Please reach out to: admissions@moondanceadventures.com