



## **PIONEER VILLAGE** **2009 CAMPER PACKING LIST**

Due to the extensive camping component of the Pioneer program, additional items are required. All backpacks, tents and other camping equipment are provided by camp. If you already own camping equipment (such as a backpack), you are welcome to bring it, however, Tamarack Camps is not responsible for loss or damage to a camper's personal items.

**Rain Gear** - A rain suit will help ensure your child's health and comfort. Rain coats should have hoods with drawstrings or snaps. Rain ponchos are not acceptable. Rain pants should have a zipper or a flap in front, an elastic waistband, and elastic or snaps at the ankles. Rain suits must be waterproof and durable. Coated nylon is recommended.

**Socks** - Campers need at least two pairs of Wool, Smartwool or Thorlo type of socks. If 100% wool socks are used, an additional 1-2 pairs of Polypropylene liner socks are also needed.

**Hiking Boots** - A pair of hiking boots is required, however, they do not need to be expensive or brand new. If you are buying new boots, choose a pair with hard rubber soles and good ankle support. They do not need to be all leather or heavy weight; they must protect and support your feet. Your boots must come ABOVE the anklebone; low-cut "day hikers" are NOT permitted. Your boots must be broken in BEFORE camp.

**Sneakers** - Two pairs are required – one for daily use and one for swamp walks, the Agree trip and other water adventures. These shoes will get very wet, dirty and most likely discarded at the end of summer. Your "wet shoes" should have significant tread and support, cover your entire foot, and the uppers made of canvas and lace up. For the rafting trip, your child will also use these "wet shoes." Aqua Socks or Tevas are not a substitute for the required "wet shoes."

**Pants** - At least two pairs of cotton or micro-fiber, lightweight pants are needed for the rafting and camping trips. They should be all or mostly cotton and loose fitting. Denim jeans take too long to dry on trips and become heavy when wet. Khaki, painter pants and/or army pants are recommended.

**Sleeping Bag** - Your sleeping bag is bound to get wet on the trips. Cotton or Goose Down bags do not dry quickly. Polarguard, Holofill, Fiberfill or one of the other synthetic fillings is recommended. A three-season, mummy style bag is sufficient. Your bag does not necessarily need to be useful in below zero temperatures. Your bag must have a nylon stuff sack and **be no larger than 10" x 22."** The roll-up type that ties with straps or strings is not the correct type of bag. Your bag should not have fleece, flannel or cotton lining inside.

**Sleeping Pad** - A closed-cell, foam sleeping pad is required. Please be advised that the popular, self-inflating sleeping pad, such as a Thermo-rest, may not be a worthwhile investment for your camper at this point. You may opt to go with the less expensive, yet more durable, Ensolite or Ridgerest pad. A roll-up type is preferred over the accordion, folding type. Do not purchase an inflatable mattress.

**Insect Repellent** - No spray-can repellent is allowed. One or two tubes of Controlled Release Deet made by Sawyer Products are required. The pump spray bottles are not recommended. Everyday Cutters or OFF is not sufficient.

### **Protective & Trip Clothing - Essential REQUIRED items**

- 1 pair of Polypropylene or Capilene long underwear - tops & bottoms (light or medium weight)
  - 1 wool sweater or fleece pullover (medium weight)
  - 1 pair of wool or fleece gloves (not too bulky - light weight)
  - 1 wool or fleece hat (not too bulky - light weight)
  - 1 long sleeve work shirt (light weight - cotton or micro fiber, buttoned-down - not T-shirts or turtlenecks)
- \*Remember, during the summer, winter gloves, hats, etc. are too warm.

**Soaps & Shampoos** - These must be biodegradable. Dr. Bronners & Campsuds are the two most common brands. You can find these items at most sporting goods stores. Regular soaps and shampoos may be used at main camp.

**Bandannas** - Bring a few large bandannas to camp, as you will use them on the camping trips.

**Water Bottles** - Two water bottles are required; each bottle must hold 32 oz. with a screw top that is attached with a plastic loop (no pull-up tops or tops with straws). Nalgene water bottles are most common. **DO NOT** purchase any type of Hydration pack (such as Platypus) for this particular program. **DO NOT** purchase **CYCLONE** brand water bottles as they are not durable enough for Pioneer trips.

**Additional Stuff Sack** - These are used to pack your "trip clothes." They should be nylon stuff sacks with a drawstring, approximately 9" x 18" in size. Please do not to exceed this recommended size.

**Ditty Bag** - Nylon bag with a drawstring for holding toiletries and other items.

**Additional Required Equipment** - Face towel, daypack/book bag, sun hat, two utility straps (1" X 24").

**Camera** - At least one disposable, waterproof camera.

**Eyeglasses & Contacts** - If you wear eyeglasses, you should purchase a strap for them called a "Croakie." It can be purchased at sporting goods stores. This is different than a long, loose fitting "eyeglasses strap." If your child wears contacts, that will not be a problem as long as you send a spare pair of eyeglasses in case of emergency.

**Extra Batteries** - Since there is no electricity in Pioneer Village, bring extra batteries for your flashlight.

**Sheets & Blankets** - **OPTIONAL** - Most campers sleep in their sleeping bags. We recommend bringing just one sheet to cover your mattress, and a pillow and pillowcase.

**Money** - \$10 will suffice for pop & snack stops. If your child wishes to purchase a Whitewater Rafting T-shirt, the cost will be approximately \$30. Please **DO NOT** send more than \$40.

**Forms** - All camper forms must be in the Bloomfield Hills office by June 1.

**Duffel Bags** - Please use zipper bags, not top loading duffels. No trunks are allowed.

**Local sources for equipment & clothing** - REI, K-Mart, Moosejaw, Joe's Army Navy, JC Penney, and other sports/camping stores.

**\*\* ABSOLUTELY NO SWISS ARMY OR SURVIVAL KNIVES ALLOWED!\*\***