

PACKING LIST

What to bring to camp

DRESS

Life at Camp Wewa is informal! Send typical play clothes —the kind you can afford to lose or don't mind getting really dirty. We require a one-piece swimsuit for the girls and please be aware many camp activities require closed toed shoes as well.

BUG REPELLANT/SUNSCREEN

Campers spend much of their time outdoors, bug repellent and sunscreen are highly recommended.

PERSONAL GEAR/NAME TAG

Please put your camper's name on everything. Personal belongings must be clearly marked with campers first and last name. We can assume no responsibility for them. Lost and found is sorted at the end of each session. We cannot mail lost items to you, please check the lost and found area in the dining hall if something is lost upon leaving. We are not responsible for items lost or stolen so please do not send valuables.

LAUNDRY

Laundry will only be provided to our two week or three week campers and will be done on the weekends in between sessions. If your camper is only coming for a one week session please pack enough for their length of stay.

WHAT TO BRING . . . (Suggested list for one Week Residential Campers, please double for 2 week session)

Light weight sleeping bag or blanket	2 Pairs of tennis shoes
Sheets/Pillow/pillowcase	Laundry bag
Clip-on clothespins	Flashlight
Backpack	Extra bedding in case of accident
Rain gear	2 Swimsuits
5 T-shirts	2 Long-sleeve shirts
1-Wk supply of underwear	6 Pairs of socks
2 Pairs of jeans/long pants	3 Pairs of shorts
Pajamas/robe	Flip-flops/water sandals
2 Bath towels	Swimming towel
2 Washcloths	Toothbrush & toothpaste
Soap/Shampoo/Conditioner	Comb/Brush
Deodorant	Insect repellent
Sunscreen	Disposable camera (no cell phone cameras)
Stuffed Animals	Books, etc. for quiet time
Water Bottle	Stationary/Envelopes for letters

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

Cell phones/I Pads/Laptops	Personal sporting equipment
I Pod/MP3/Radio/Walkman	Vehicles
Electronic games/CD players/TVs	Animals
Expensive cameras or watches	Rifles/Ammunition
Knives/weapons	Beverages/food except water bottles
Alcohol/drugs/tobacco	Pornographic materials

Any of these items and any other item deemed unacceptable by the Directors will **be immediately confiscated**. Controlled substances or fireworks are prohibited. Possession or use of controlled substances, alcohol, tobacco, or fireworks will result in immediate dismissal from camp, without a refund.

Why Can't I let my child bring a cell phone to camp?

From Bob Ditter ACA Camping Expert <http://www.elca.org/camps/newsletter/07May/Ditter.html>

"As you know we have a "no-cell phone" policy at camp. Aside from the fact that cell phones are expensive and can get lost or stolen and that the physical camp environment is not kind to such items, there is a fundamental problem with campers having cell phones at camp, and that is trust. When children come to camp they—and you—are making a leap of faith, temporarily transferring their primary care from you as their parents to us and their counselors. This is one of the growth-producing, yet challenging aspects of camp. As children learn to trust other caring adults, they grow and learn, little by little, to solve some of their own challenges. We believe this emerging independence is one of the greatest benefits of camp. It is one important way your child develops greater resilience. Contacting you by phone essentially means they have not made this transition. It prevents us from getting to problems that may arise and addressing them quickly. Sending a cell phone to camp is like saying to your child that you as the parent haven't truly come to peace with the notion of them being away from you and in our care. We agree to tell you if your child is experiencing a challenge in their adjustment to camp. *You can help* by talking with your child *before they leave for camp* and telling them that there is always someone they can reach out to, whether it be their counselor, a trusted activity leader, the Head Counselor, the Director or camp nurse or health care provider. We are all here to help, but if *you* don't trust us, your children certainly won't!"