

# New York YMCA Camp

## Packing List

Each child should pack carefully for their camp stay. Please be sure you pack enough for the length of their stay, keeping in mind that laundry will only be done for two-week campers. Only in emergency situations will laundry be done for others. We suggest making a packing list for your child to refer to, to assure that they pack all of their belongings upon departure.

### What to Bring

- The most important tip is LABEL EVERYTHING!
- Involve your child when packing for their camp stay. Often campers may not know they have specific items because they did not pack their own bags.
- Please keep in mind that it is camp, so please don't pack your child's best clothes.
- Campers staying for two weeks will have their laundry done by an offsite company (see laundry information below). Others should pack enough for the length of their stay. In emergency situations laundry will be done for those who need it.
- Our staff members will do their best to make sure your child packs all of his/her belongings upon departure. We suggest you make a packing list to keep in your child's suitcase for them to refer to when packing. Make a copy for their counselor as well.

\*Bedding (see over)  
Bath /Beach Towels (at least 3)  
Socks & under clothes  
\*\*T-shirts (see below)  
Shorts (fingertip length)  
Long Sleeve Shirts  
Sweat Shirts/Pants  
Long Pants/Jeans  
Waterproof Rain Pants/Jacket

Sneakers (preferably old sneakers)  
"Water Sandal" with a heel strap  
Rubber Sandals (for showers)  
Pajamas  
Girls Bathing Suit (1 piece only) -or-  
Boys Bathing Suit (no Speedos)  
Laundry Bag  
Flashlight  
Toiletries (liquid soap, toothbrush,  
deodorant) + bag to carry them

Warm Jacket  
Bathrobe  
Journal/Pens/Pencils  
Writing Paper/Postcards  
Envelopes (stamped/addressed)  
Sun Screen  
Insect Repellent (non-spray)  
Chap Stick  
Water Bottle

### \*Bedding

Campers are required to bring the following bedding with them: pillow with case, warm sleeping bag or twin size sheets and a blanket. Two sets of sheets should be sent for campers staying more than two weeks.

### \*\*T-Shirts

Please pack camp appropriate t-shirts for your child. Please keep the following in mind:

- Tops of t-shirts must meet shorts (no belly shirts)
- No skimpy shirts (i.e., no spaghetti straps, tube tops, halters)
- No shirts with inappropriate words or pictures
- Session 3 - If your child is attending session 3, please pack a white t-shirt to tie-dye their team's color for the Olympics.

### What Not to Bring - CELL PHONES

#### Why do we have such a policy?

Our experience has shown us that campers with cell phones are more likely to be homesick and have problems with their bunk mates. A great example is the child that calls home late at night telling her parents someone "stole" her favorite T-shirt. The parent, understandably upset, calls camp to find out what happened only to find out that in the meantime their daughter found her T-shirt under her bed. Right where she put it. Believe us - This happens ALL THE TIME. You are always welcome to call camp and ask for a camper report. We never hesitate to call parents if there is ever an incident that requires more than a band aid.

#### Please do NOT bring the following items to camp:

- Cash
- Beepers/computer/2-way radios
- Jewelry
- Gum, soda and candy
- Electronic games
- Pocket knives
- iPods, MP3 players, and radios/boom boxes are not recommended and will only be allowed to be used in the cabin at limited times.
- Cigarettes/drugs/alcohol - *Possession of these items will result in child being sent home. They are illegal and will not be tolerated. Possession of such items may result in the local authorities being notified.*