

Packing for Camp

CSM promotes a Christ-centered, caring environment. In order to accomplish this mission, we request that the dress of those in camp be modest, in good taste, not offensive and should not draw attention to oneself. Outfits that are too tight or too short, though not intentionally worn to be provocative, nonetheless often are.

Space is limited in the cabins, therefore we recommend you do not over pack and limit luggage to one foot locker, suitcase or duffle bag. Please make sure all items are labeled with your camper's name.

Items to Pack

- t-shirts/sweatshirts
- shorts/pants/sweatpants
- socks/underwear (sufficient quantity)
- bathing suit/water shoes (necessary for swimming)
- pillow/sleeping bag or sheets/blankets (twin size mattress)
- towels/toothbrush/toothpaste/soap/shampoo/deodorant/brush
- sunscreen/bug spray
- flashlight/night light (if needed)
- pajamas
- laundry bag
- water bottle
- battery powered fan
- raingear/windbreaker
- tennis shoes/sneakers

Optional Items

- disposable camera/film – please label with your camper's name
- stationary or postcards (pre-addressed)/stamps (available at CSM store)
- white t-shirt to be tye-dyed
- lacrosse stick, helmet or goggles – please label with your camper's name

What Not to Pack

- cell phones/pagers
- stereos/tv's
- electronic games
- computers
- pocket knives
- extension cords/outlet strips
- electric fans
- skateboards/in-line skates/scooters
- any items of high personal monetary value
- any device with WiFi, 3G or other internet capabilities (i.e. iPod Touch, etc.)

Camp Stella Maris feels strongly that a true camp experience need not include many of the electronic devices which have become so much a part of young people's lives today (i.e., hand-held video games, iPods, MP3 players, computers of any kind). Not only are they expensive and run the risk of being damaged, lost, or stolen, but they tend to isolate participants from one another rather than fostering the community group experience we hope each participant has while at Camp Stella Maris. We discourage having them at camp. The following devices **should not** be brought to camp: computers of any kind (i.e., laptops, hand-held, etc.), hand-held video game players, pagers and cell phones.

Devices for storing and playing digital music (iPods, MP3 players) may be brought to camp, but their use is restricted to the cabin. Small, battery-operated CD players with headphones may also be brought to camp; but, these, too, must remain in the cabin. Just a reminder, CSM is not responsible for any item damaged, lost or stolen.

Swimsuit Guidelines

Our goal is to provide a pleasant swimming experience and be modest in our swimwear for the sake of children, families and the ministry at Camp Stella Maris.

➤ Females

1. **Acceptable swimwear** would include: one-piece swimsuits, tankinis, two-piece swimsuits with sport-style swim top, high neck tops and modest bottoms
2. **Unacceptable swimwear** would include: bikinis, tube tops, low cut tops or high cut bottoms, thong bottoms, bottoms with ties on the side, or any triangle top (including tankinis with triangle style tops).

➤ Males

1. **Acceptable swimwear** would include: boxer-style trunks, jam trunks
2. **Unacceptable swimwear** would include: Speedo-type trunks

➤ Suggestions

Many female campers have found that the best solution to finding an appropriate bathing suit is to wear a dark colored tank top over the swim suit they already have. Also, sporting goods stores sell sports-style swim tops that can be worn with any bottom. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact CSM.

Lost and Found

- All clothing and items should be adequately marked with camper's name.
- CSM is not responsible for lost articles or equipment.
- We encourage parent/guardian to check cabin clotheslines and CSM's lost & found areas prior to departure.
- Please make sure your camper has all the medications they brought to camp.

Packing for Day Camp

Campers will have cubbies to use for the week. Please pack your camper's belongings in a back pack or bag they can easily open and close. ☆ Please be sure to label EVERYTHING your camper brings to camp.

Items to Bring

- back pack or bag to keep stuff in
- swim suit/towel/water shoes daily
- wear sunscreen to camp & we'll reapply
- sneakers must be worn at all times
- white t-shirt (or something white) to be tie-dyed
- bug spray

What Not to Bring

- toys/books – any personal items
- cell phones
- electronic games
- skateboards/in-line skates/scooters
- any items of high personal or monetary value
- pocket knives
- any device with WiFi, 3G or other internet capabilities

Sleep-Overs - Items to Bring

- pillow/sleeping bag or sheets/blankets (twin size mattress)
- pajamas
- toothbrush/toothpaste
- flashlight
- night light (if needed)
- clothing for the following day

Lost and Found

- all clothing and items should be adequately marked with camper's name
- CSM is not responsible for lost articles or equipment
- we encourage parent/guardian to check your camper's back pack/bag at every pick-up – let the day camp staff know if you are missing anything
- all lost & found for the week will be brought to the Riedman Family Pavilion Arts & Nature Lodge to look through during Friday pick-up