

the EQUIPMENT & CLOTHING GUIDE

When packing for Cheley, please keep things appropriate for the Rocky Mountains of Colorado. It is not our intent to require parents to have to buy unnecessary equipment or clothing; however, participants need to be prepared for our climate and program of hiking, camping, horseback riding, and climbing. Camp is a great place to wear older, yet durable clothing. If needed, good sources for camp clothing include LL Bean, REI, and other mountain stores, or thrift shops.



HIKING BOOTS*

A sturdy boot that comes over the ankle. Leather or gore-tex with a vibram sole. Younger campers who might not hike extensively can get away with a less expensive boot. Older campers who plan to hike extensively should invest in good quality trail hiking boots.

RIDING BOOTS*

Either the popular "cowboy boots" or a similar leather, smooth-soled (no-tread), heeled boot for horseback riding. Hiking boots or tennis shoes are not acceptable for our riding program.

SLEEPING BAG*

The most practical bag is a mummy-style, three season bag with a temperature rating of 20 degrees or lower. Cheley does have a rental sleeping bag program for those campers interested in renting a bag for the summer (e.g. the Lamina 20 by Mountain Hardwear, the Cat's Meow by North Face, or a 20° bag at REI).

FOAM PAD or THERMAREST*

Used beneath the sleeping bag for warmth and insulation (Provided with Cheley rental bags).

RAIN GEAR*

A rain jacket and rain pants or a poncho. Heavy-duty protection is needed for our mountain rain showers.

FLASH LIGHT or HEADLAMP*

A good quality flashlight or quality headlamp works best for camp.

DAY PACK*

A medium size pack with a waist belt and comfortable shoulder straps for extra sweater, rain gear, socks, fleece hat, sunscreen, water bottles, and lunch. The ideal size for a backpack is 1,700 to 2,000 cubic inches (e.g. The North Face Recon Pack or the Approach by Mountainsmith).

WATER BOTTLES*

Two or three 32oz bottles. Nalgene style bottles work best. Some campers also bring a Camelbak to use on hikes. Water bottles and CamelBaks are available at the camp store.

WARM BLANKETS*

We recommend bringing an additional warm blanket or two (or an unzipped sleeping bag) for our cool evenings. The blanket can be made up with the bed or folded at the bottom of the bed for colder nights and rest hour. Cheley does provide a wool blanket, bed linens, and a pillow.

SUNGLASSES*

Campers will spend time every day between 8,000 and 13,000 feet in elevation. The sun is very powerful at this elevation. Make sure sunglasses have UV protection.

GAITERS

Used for protecting your boots and lower legs when hiking in snow or brush. We have a basic pair available in the camp store. Gaiters are worn on longer hikes to higher elevations in snowy areas.

***REQUIRED EQUIPMENT**

RECOMMENDED CLOTHING & PERSONAL ITEMS



- DURABLE WINDBREAKER JACKET**
Not needed if you bring a rain jacket.
- POLAR FLEECE**
- SWEATSHIRT* and SWEATPANTS***
Hooded or crew neck.
- BLUE JEANS 3 pairs**
Two pairs should be appropriate for riding.
- HIKING PANTS 1 pair**
Comfortable, lightweight, and loose fitting. Polyester or non-cotton fabric is best.
- SHORTS* 5 pairs**
Suitable for hiking/backpacking. At least one pair should be loose, long shorts to be worn with a tech climbing harness.
- LONG-SLEEVE SHIRTS 4 shirts**
Button or pullover. For GTE/BTE only, one should be a white oxford.
- T-SHIRTS* 6-8 shirts**
A few t-shirts should be non-cotton athletic shirts for hiking/backpacking.
- WOOL or FLEECE HAT***
- SOCKS 8-10 pairs**
Cotton socks.
- HIKING SOCKS* 4 pairs**
Wool or wool/poly socks.
- UNDERWEAR 12 pairs**
- WINTER WEIGHT PAJAMAS 2 pairs**
- BATHROBE**
For travel to and from the bathhouse.
- SMALL BATH TOWEL and WASHCLOTH 2 of each**
- LAUNDRY BAGS* 2 bags**
- SWIMSUIT**
- BELT**
For riding or hiking.
- BANDANA* 2 colors**
- LONG UNDERWEAR**
Top and bottom.
- GLOVES or MITTENS**
- BASEBALL CAP***

- CLOTH FACE MASKS** *At least 5 MANDATORY FOR 2020.* Campers will be also given at least one upon arrival.
- PERSONAL HAND SANITIZER** *At least 2 MANDATORY FOR 2020.* We will provide refills.
- SHOWER SHOES or SIMILAR RUBBER SANDALS**
Flip flops, Crocs™, Chacos®, Texas®, etc. With a strap to secure sandal to feet, for rafting.
- TENNIS/RUNNING SHOES**
- TOILETRIES***
Toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, brush, deodorant, shampoo, soap, etc.
- SUNSCREEN and LIP BALM***
- CAMPER MEDICATIONS**
- TWO SETS OF CLOTHES FOR CHAPEL**
Simple, casual dress or nice casual pants and collared shirt.
- BLUE KERCHIEF**
For returning campers.

*AVAILABLE IN THE CAMP STORE

ADDITIONAL SUGGESTED ITEMS

- INEXPENSIVE OR DISPOSABLE CAMERA**
- CHAMBRAY OR DENIM SHIRT**
For Riding Patch holders.
- MUSICAL INSTRUMENT**
Guitar, flute, trumpet, or other instruments.
- STATIONARY and ADDRESS LIST**
With a pen pre-addressed, stamped envelopes.
- SKETCH PAD OR JOURNAL**
- FAVORITE STUFFED ANIMAL**
- PHOTOS FROM HOME**
- DECK OF CARDS**
- COSTUMES, WIGS, and FUNNY CLOTHES**

THINGS to be LEFT at HOME

All electronics: mp3 players, iTouch devices, iPods, iPads, Kindles, or other tablet/music players, computers, and gaming devices.

Vapes, fireworks, expensive watches and jewelry, expensive cameras, hunting knives, food, treats, one-of-a-kind items such as special t-shirts, family treasures, pets.



WEATHER

Our climate in Estes Park is quite dry with very low humidity necessitating lip balm, lotion, and sunscreen. Early season hikes and backpacks are often in areas in the high mountains with extreme snow glare making sunglasses and sunscreen mandatory. Cheley is at an elevation of 8,200ft in the Rocky Mountains where weather can vary greatly throughout the day. Mornings and evening can be chilly requiring a sweatshirt or a fleece and days can be in the 80s or low 90s.

LAUNDRY & LABELS

Laundry is done once a week, so quantities of clothing listed are sufficient to last seven to eight days. Send only washable clothing that can be done in large commercial washers and dryers.

Remember, **put your name on everything either with labels or permanent marker.** This is vital to the success of returning items to campers during laundry and when items are lost.



ELECTRONICS & VALUABLES

On the first day of camp, we ask every camper in all eight units to turn in their valuables for safe-keeping during the term. We would love your help in sending your child with the least amount of valuables possible. If you are dropping your child off at camp, they shouldn't turn in any valuables. If they are flying to camp, please limit the valuables they are bringing with them. We recognize that you may want them to fly with their cell phone.

Campers MUST turn in:

Cell Phones; Tablets (iPads, Surface, Galaxy, Kindles, Nintendo Switches, etc.); Wallets/Money; other valuables.

Keep in mind, campers will be disciplined if they don't turn in all valuables/electronics. We also encourage campers to bring disposable cameras, but do permit digital cameras. There are only a few places to recharge their cameras and campers will be responsible for their safety and whereabouts.