

the EQUIPMENT & CLOTHING GUIDE



Packing can be something you may want to put off until the last minute or it's something you're eager to do. Whether you're packing weeks in advance or you're packing a few days before camp, it's important to have a packing list so you don't forget the essentials. We have compiled a detailed list of the clothing and equipment for you to pack for summer, based on a staff member's typical laundry routine.

Please remember to not over-pack! You do not need more than what's recommended, and storage space is limited. In their cabin, staff are typically allotted two large drawers, a dresser top often to be shared with their bunkmate, some hanging space, and a cubby in the bathhouse. There is limited to no space under bunks for storage.



LET'S START WITH SOME PACKING TIPS & TRICKS

Print Out and Use this Packing List! This seems obvious, but it's fundamental to your packing success. We have specific requirements and have spent time carefully creating a list of appropriate and necessary items for your comfort and our activities. Review this list early to see if there is anything you need to order ahead of time. You will get yourself off to a great start by making sure they have everything they need. The list also includes items NOT to bring to camp.

Pick Your Perfect Bag. We recommend **big duffel bags**. Within the duffel bag, you can invent your own ways to organize things. Large zip lock bags work well for things like underwear, socks and toiletries. If you want to go the expensive route, you can buy nylon stuff sacks in lots of different colors and sizes from camping suppliers. We prefer that counseling staff do not bring trunks or big plastic tubs unless a staff member stores them in their personal vehicle. They are harder to move and often do not fit in cabins with campers or in counselor cabins.

Don't Bring the Best. Camp is a great place to wear older, yet durable clothing! Do not come to camp with your best or most expensive clothes and brand new shoes. They may not come back in that same condition and often gear needs to be broken in before being used. **Don't own "old" clothes?** Try going to a used clothing store, a garage sale, or local thrift shop. It is NOT our intent to require you to have to buy unnecessary or expensive equipment and clothing. If needed, good sources for camp clothing and gear include REI®, Dick's Sporting Goods®, LL Bean™, Patagonia®, Backcountry®, Moosejaw®, Eastern Mountain Sports™, Sierra®, Slim Pickins Outfitters, and other outdoor stores.

Dress Responsibly. Don't pack for the worst-case scenario; Pack for the best-case scenario. Staff members should pack to be prepared for anything and tackle any hurdle that comes their way. At camp, nothing is uncool! In fact, the weirder it is in the "real world," the cooler it probably is at camp. Nevertheless, **a professional image must be maintained that instills confidence in the minds of our campers, parents, staff, and the public. Your personal appearance should not impact your ability to be a strong role model for youth.** Remember to read the "Dress Code Philosophy" at the end of this guide. And if you have questions, please ask!

Off-Camp Clothes. Off-camp clothes are things to wear for your days/nights off. Maybe it's all the same and it doesn't matter to you what you wear on your time-off. Maybe it's a different pair of shoes or fun pants that aren't as practical for camp activities. The choice is yours!

NAME TAPES & LABELS

All clothing and possessions, including gear, footwear, and toiletries, should be labeled with your **first and last name**.

Labeling clothes and personal items with initials or just first names is not sufficient as people share initials and have the same first name. Please remember, **you will misplace clothing and equipment.** Labeling is vital to the success of returning items when they are lost.

PACKING LIST: GEAR & CLOTHING

Packing thoughtfully will make your time at camp even better. This list covers the essentials, and you're welcome to bring extra items that will make you comfortable—just remember to check the "Leave at Home" section on the previous page. Every item we recommend has a reason behind it, whether it's something to bring or something to skip. And remember: **you're responsible for everything you pack, so please label it all!**

Feeling unsure about gear? You're not alone! We've written a brief guide to the three items that matter most for a successful summer—hiking boots, rain gear, and a backpack. You can find it on our blog.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

✓ LABELED?

HIKING BOOTS

Required for those who will be hiking. Mid- or high-cut waterproof boots with strong ankle support and a grippy, durable sole (Vibram-style). Avoid low-cut, trail runners, approach shoes, boots with Velcro. **For CheDOT,** we recommend work boots.

DAY PACK

A durable 22–30L daypack with padded shoulder straps and a waist belt. **For Backpacking Counselors:** A 50–80L internal frame backpack or borrow one of ours.

RAIN GEAR

A breathable, fully waterproof jacket (Gore-Tex® or similar) with a hood and good ventilation. **For Horseback Riding Counselors and Barn Crew,** we recommend dusters.

WATER BOTTLES*

Two or three 32oz Nalgene®-style bottles. Campers may bring a CamelBak® for designated activities (not horseback riding).

SLEEPING BAG*

A three-season, mummy-style bag rated to 20° or lower. You may also rent a sleeping bag and pad from the camp store.

BLUE KERCHIEF

For returning staff only.



✓ LABELED?

FOAM PAD or THERMAREST*

A closed-cell or inflatable pad that provides insulation and comfort underneath a sleeping bag.

BEDDING and BLANKETS*

Two warm blankets or a comforter to layer on colder nights. We provide linens, a pillow, and one wool blanket, but many staff bring their own pillow(s), linens, or mattress topper. Counseling staff sleep in twin beds (not XL). Sleeping arrangements vary for support staff and directing staff. We confirm sleeping arrangements a week before Staff Training. Reach out if you'd like to know your bed size.

SUNGLASSES*

Designed for UV protection as the sun is very powerful at our high mountain elevation.

SUN HOODIE or UPF SHIRT*

Lightweight, breathable, and designed for full-coverage sun protection at high altitude. These layers help prevent burns.

FLASHLIGHT or HEADLAMP*

HORSEBACK RIDING BOOTS

Required only for Horseback Riding Counselors and Barn Crew. Smooth-soled, heeled boots ("cowboy boots" or similar).

***AVAILABLE IN THE CAMP STORE**

RECOMMENDED CLOTHING & PERSONAL ITEMS

✓ QTY.

T-SHIRTS* 6-8 tees
Regular short-sleeve shirts for everyday wear and activities. At least two shirts should be non-cotton, synthetic athletic shirts (i.e., activewear for hiking).

TANK TOPS *Optional*
For casual wear. We prefer shirts with more coverage for days with stronger sun exposure.

LONG-SLEEVE SHIRTS 4 shirts
Useful for layering. Lightweight or synthetic.

SHORTS* 6 pairs
At least two pairs should be athletic and suitable for hiking/backpacking or to be worn with a climbing harness.

ACTIVE PANTS 2 pairs
Comfortable, flexible pants for hiking and active days. Polyester or non-cotton fabrics are best. Yoga pants or leggings are also acceptable.

BLUE JEANS 3 pairs
For Wranglers and Barn Crew, at least 5 pairs.

SWIMSUIT

SWEATSHIRT* At least 2
Warm mid-layers (hoodie or crewneck).

SWEAT/FLEECE PANTS* 2 pairs

FLEECE JACKET or PULLOVER SWEATER

DURABLE WINDBREAKER JACKET
Not needed if you bring a rain jacket.

WARM SLEEPWEAR 2 pairs

BRAS At least 6
Sports and everyday bras.

UNDERWEAR 12 pairs

SOCKS 10-14 pairs
A mix of everyday socks and a few pairs of durable wool or synthetic socks for hiking and active days.

BASEBALL CAP* or SUN HAT

BELT

COLD-WEATHER ACCESSORIES
Wool or fleece hat and gloves or mittens.

LONG UNDERWEAR
Lightweight, non-cotton base layers.

CHAPEL CLOTHES 2 sets
"Nicer" clothing for Chapel, but nothing too fancy! Think "school picture day" or casual brunch attire.

✓ QTY.

TOILETRIES*
Toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss, body wash, hair care products and accessories (shampoo, conditioner, comb, brush, natural oils, hair mask/creams, silk bonnet/wrap, styling products, hair ties, etc.), deodorant, face cleanser/moisturizer/wipes, contact lenses and solution, nail file/clippers, period products, ear plugs, shaving supplies, etc. Makeup and skincare products are totally okay to bring, but there's no need to pack an extensive or high-value collection.

SUNSCREEN* and LIP BALM*

MEDICATIONS and EYEGLASSES

LAUNDRY BAGS*
Detergent if wanted to do laundry on your own on time off.

BATH TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS 2 of each

ATHLETIC SHOES At least 1 pair
Sturdy tennis/running/gym shoes for everyday use.

SHOWER SHOES or SIMILAR RUBBER SANDALS
Flip flops, Crocs™, Chacos®, Texas®, Keens®, etc. Shower shoes are the best way to protect your feet while showering at camp! A back strap to secure sandal is required for rafting.

EXTRAS TO THINK ABOUT

✓ LABELED?

INEXPENSIVE or DISPOSABLE CAMERA

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT
Guitar, flute, trumpet, or other instruments.

BOOKS, SKETCH PAD, or JOURNAL

DECK OF CARDS and BOARD GAMES

COSTUMES, WIGS, and BANDANAS

CAMPING MESS KIT and CRAZY CREEK

POCKET KNIFE or MULTI-TOOL

WATCH and/or ALARM CLOCK

COMBINATION or KEY LOCK
Lockers are available for safekeeping.

STRING LIGHTS or CABIN DECORATIONS

MUG, TUMBLER, or HOT/COLD CUP
If you are a coffee/tea fanatic, this one's a must!

A FEW MORE THINGS

✓ ARE YOU SURE?

YES **IDENTIFICATION (you MUST bring ORIGINALS of your unexpired IDs)**
Passport; driver's license + birth certificate; OR driver's license + Social Security card.

ELECTRONICS (see "Counselor Cabins and Staff Lounges")
Cell phone (a passcode is required), iPad/tablet, laptop, portable speaker/headphones, handheld gaming device.

NONE **PROHIBITED ITEMS**
Expensive watches and jewelry, one-of-a-kind items & family heirlooms, pets, vapes, juuls, ecigs, cigarettes, recreational drugs and narcotics, alcohol, tattoo/piercing kits, firearms & other weapons, knives, fireworks, pornography.

COUNSELOR CABINS and STAFF LOUNGES

Staff members need a place to be able to retreat to once in a while: to "recharge the batteries," work on camper reports, relax, or do personal things. Counselor cabins and staff lounges are to be used in agreement with the director or supervisor. **Counseling staff will need a computer or tablet to write reports.** Electronics should be stored in counselor cabins, staff lounges, cars, or lockers – never in cabins with campers. Food is allowed in counselor cabins, but should be secured to prevent animals from breaking in. Food cannot be left in staff lounges or cars. Food and drinks (e.g., sparkling water, soda, etc.) from your counselor cabin should not be consumed in front of campers.

Exercise great care in your own personal matters; Your personal items should not be left lying around. Keep these items in your counselor cabin/staff lounge, car, or locker where they are not accessible. We rarely have trouble with the disappearance of items, but when we do it is usually because they were left lying around. Staff members who borrow cars or other items from fellow staff members must bear in mind that they are solely and fully responsible.

LAUNDRY

We provide laundry services on-site at no cost to staff! Counseling staff members send their laundry to be washed on their unit's assigned laundry day with camper laundry. Support staff will have access to laundry facilities weekly. Otherwise, you may do your own laundry on time off in town where there are several laundry mats to choose from. We recommend Village Laundry on St. Vrain Ave. During the summer, counseling staff also help supervise camper laundry: personal and commercial.



DRESS CODE PHILOSOPHY

During your summer at Cheley Colorado Camps, we want you to have the best experience possible! By planning ahead and packing appropriately, you will be contributing to a positive Cheley Experience; therefore, our dress code reflects **practicality** and **the values of camp**. It is written in a manner that does not reinforce or increase marginalization or oppression of any group based on race, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, cultural observance, household income, or body type/size and shall be enforced consistently.

- All campers and staff should be able to dress comfortably for camp and engage in the camp environment without fear of or actual unnecessary discipline or body shaming
- All campers and staff should understand that they are responsible for managing their own appearance without regulating another individual's clothing/self-expression.
- All campers and staff should be able to use body-positive language.

We expect all campers, staff, *and visitors* will dress in a way that is appropriate for camp. Dress choices should respect Cheley's intent to sustain a community that is inclusive of a diverse range of identities. We are responsible for seeing that attire does not interfere with the health and wellbeing of any individual at Cheley nor contribute to a hostile or intimidating atmosphere for anyone.