

PACKING

for FAMILY CAMP



Please remember to not over-pack! Your family does not need more than what's recommended, and storage space is limited. Each bed has a large drawer under it as well as under-bed storage space for shoes, etc. There are also two hanging rods in your wagon and a cubby in the bathhouse. In your wagon, there is limited to no extra space. Keep in mind, our wagons do not have electricity nor do they have outlets or lights in them.



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.

THINGS TO BE LEFT AT HOME

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~~NONE~~ **ELECTRONICS**

iPods and other music/mp3 players; iPads, Surfaces, and other tablets; Computers and laptops; Gaming devices (such as Nintendo Switches).

~~NONE~~ **VALUABLES AND OTHER PROHIBITED ITEMS**

Expensive watches and jewelry, weapons, fireworks, hunting knives, one-of-a-kind items such as special t-shirts and family heirlooms, pets, vapes, tobacco/cigarettes, tattoo kits, alcohol, drug paraphernalia, and pornography.

~~NONE~~ **FOOD ITEMS**

We provide three meals and a snack each day, so there is no need to bring additional food or snacks. Any food brought to camp, including snacks from your travels, must be stored in the kitchen and may not be kept in wagons or vehicles.

PACKING LIST: GEAR & CLOTHING

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***

If you plan to hike: 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.

☐ ☐ **DAY PACK**

A durable 22–30L daypack. It should comfortably carry water, layers, and essentials for daily hikes and activities. *If you plan to hike often*, we recommend one with padded shoulder straps and a waist belt.

☐ ☐ **RAIN GEAR**

A breathable, fully waterproof jacket (Gore-Tex® or similar) with a hood and good ventilation keeps campers dry and comfortable in changing mountain weather.

☐ ☐ **WATER BOTTLES**

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

☐ ☐ **BORROWING A SLEEPING BAG**

If you'd like to borrow a sleeping bag (or multiple sleeping bags), simply indicate that on your registration forms. There is no charge to borrow sleeping bags from camp.



***LIMITED PAIRS AVAILABLE TO BORROW**

✓ LABELED?

☐ ☐ **HORSEBACK RIDING BOOTS***

If you plan to ride: Smooth-soled, heeled boots ("cowboy boots" or similar) designed for riding.

☐ ☐ **WARM BLANKETS**

Two warm blankets or a comforter to layer on colder nights. We provide a pillow, linens, and one wool blanket, but many campers bring their own pillow(s).

☐ ☐ **SUNGLASSES**

UV-protective. The sun is extremely strong at our elevation. Polarized lenses are helpful but not required.

☐ ☐ **SUN HOODIE or UPF SHIRT**

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

☐ ☐ **FLASHLIGHT or HEADLAMP**

Don't forget to pack extra batteries!

RECOMMENDED CLOTHING & PERSONAL ITEMS

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- ☐ ☐ **T-SHIRTS**
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**
Useful for layering. Lightweight or synthetic.

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

- ☐ ☐ **ACTIVE PANTS**
Comfortable, flexible pants for hiking, riding, and active days. Polyester or other non-cotton fabrics are best. Leggings, yoga pants, hiking pants, and similar athletic styles are all great options.

- ☐ ☐ **BLUE JEANS** *Optional*
Some people prefer to ride in blue jeans, while many choose to ride in their active pants instead.

- ☐ ☐ **SWIMSUIT**

- ☐ ☐ **SWEATSHIRTS**
Warm mid-layers (hoodie or crewneck).

- ☐ ☐ **SWEAT/FLEECE PANTS**

- ☐ ☐ **FLEECE JACKET or PULLOVER SWEATER**

- ☐ ☐ **WARM SLEEPWEAR**

- ☐ ☐ **BRAS**
Sports and everyday bras.

- ☐ ☐ **UNDERWEAR**

- ☐ ☐ **SOCKS**
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**

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

- ☐ ☐ **ATHLETIC SHOES**
Sturdy tennis/running/gym shoes for everyday use.

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- ☐ ☐ **TOILETRIES**
Toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss, body wash/soap, lotion, 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/solution, nail file/clippers, period products, ear plugs, shaving supplies, and any other personal hygiene items you use regularly. 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**
All medications sent to camp must be in original packaging with a prescription label. Place all meds into a ziplock bag labeled with your camper's full name in permanent marker.

- ☐ ☐ **BATH TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS**
A bathrobe is optional and a matter of personal preference when using the shared bathhouse.

- ☐ ☐ **LAUNDRY BAG**

- ☐ ☐ **SHOWER SHOES or SIMILAR RUBBER SANDALS**
Flip flops, Crocs™, Chacos®, Texas®, Keens®, etc. Shower shoes (required) are the best way to protect your feet while showering at camp!

EXTRAS TO THINK ABOUT

✓ LABELED?

- ☐ ☐ **STRING LIGHTS or WAGON DECORATIONS**

- ☐ ☐ **PORTABLE CHARGER or POWER BANK**
Wagons do not have outlets or electricity.

- ☐ ☐ **BOOKS, SKETCH PAD, or JOURNAL**

- ☐ ☐ **COMFORT ITEMS**
Stuffed animals or photos from home.

- ☐ ☐ **FISHING EQUIPMENT**

- ☐ ☐ **PIRATE-THEMED CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES**

- ☐ ☐ **MUSICAL INSTRUMENT**
Guitar, flute, trumpet, or other instruments.

- ☐ ☐ **CARD GAMES & BOARD GAME**
Great for downtime and relaxing around camp.