

Spring To-Bring List

Welcome to Spring! We are so excited that your child has chosen to spend a week exploring the woods and learning more about the natural world with us. While we have an indoor space to use if needed, please be aware that we will be outside for the majority of our time together. It is therefore essential that each child comes prepared with the appropriate clothing and food to have a fun day. If your child arrives at program without the proper gear, our staff may decide it is not safe for them to stay and they will be sent home (no refund will be issued).

What to bring?

- **Weather appropriate clothing.** Even in spring, the weather can take a wintry turn. Please pay close attention to the forecast for each day your child comes to camp and help them dress accordingly. Please pack **extra, dry layers in a plastic bag** in your child's backpack. Refer to our [Weather Chart](#) for more information on how to dress for all kinds of weather.
- **Snacks and lunch*** in an easy-to-carry container (like Tupperware or a plastic bag) that can fit in a backpack. While heating food on a camp fire may be an option, please do not pack food that would rely on a fire to be cooked.
- **Water bottle(s)** that can hold about 1 liter/32 oz.
- **Small, non-breakable hot cup** for drinking wild tea.
- **Sunhat** (like a baseball cap) **and/or sunscreen** to keep cool and protect your child's face from the sun.
- **Small backpack** to hold your child's gear that fits well and is easy for them to carry. Backpacks with zippers and padded straps are best.

Optional Items

- Field guides
- Primitive crafts or tools
- Bandanas

If possible, please label all items with your child's name.

*Bringing snack/treats for the whole group is a nice gesture, but please help out our staff by letting your child's instructor hold onto any such items. The instructor will decide when/if it is appropriate to hand them out.

Please note that it is not necessary to purchase any of the items above as new. Check out local thrift stores or ask family and friends for hand-me-downs. If you are looking for new gear, below is a list of some of our favorite brands, some of which are available locally (Ithaca, NY).

For rain gear- [L.L Bean](#) , [Puddlegear](#) , [Biddle & Bop](#), [Polarn O. Pyret](#)

For rain boots- [The Original Muck Boot Company](#) (can be found at Agway), [Bogs](#) (sold at Fontanas), [Kamik](#) , [L.L. Bean](#)

For other gear- [REI](#) , [L.L. Bean](#)

What NOT to bring?

- No electronic devices or potentially hazardous objects (knives, for example) without checking in with an instructor.
- Cell phones are not recommended. If you must send your child with a cell phone, it must stay in the participant's bag out of sight with the ringer turned off during the program.
- Do not bring gum. Gum is a choking hazard in such an active program, and it creates litter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 607**272-2292**. We'll be happy to talk with you!

The Primitive Pursuits Team