

Alpengirl Packing List

(Updated May 21, 2023)

-----PACK THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR BIG BACKPACK (label everything with your name)-----

- ___ (1) **Backpacking Backpack.** Select a 50-75 liter internal frame youth **backpack** or a women's **backpack** with adjustable shoulder straps, chest strap and a padded hip belt that fits snug on hips. A standard bear canister (9 x 12 inch diameter) should fit horizontally in the bottom of the main compartment. If you are renting or borrowing this backpack from Alpengirl or if you are attending Yellowstone Horseback Adventure or Wild & Scenic Salmon Raft Adventure, you may substitute an XL soft-sided duffel bag for the big backpack. You'll pack this backpack with the following items inside.....
- ___ (1) **Sleeping Bag** (or **Sleeping Bag**) Synthetic preferred and rated 20-40 degrees F (NO cotton.)
- ___ (1) **Compression Stuff Sack.** This should have compression straps to greatly reduce the size of your sleeping bag.
- ___ (1) **Sleeping Pad.** This could be **closed** foam or **self-inflating air** and is used for insulation from the ground and comfort. If backpacking during camp, we recommend a pad that weighs under 2 lbs.
- ___ (1) **Water Shoes.** These must have straps (Teva style is good) and may NOT be flip flops. These are used almost DAILY during camp and will be used for water activities and for ALL other activities except for backpacking, hiking or horseback riding.
- ___ (1) **Hiking Boots.** Mid weight boots with extra ankle support, stiff foot support, and reinforced leather or synthetic outer layer (NOT a low-cut day hiker trail shoe). Exception: If you are attending the Yellowstone Horseback Adventure you may substitute these boots (or add to these boots) with a pair of riding specific boots that you can hike in when not on the horse. Exception: If you are attending the Wild & Scenic Salmon Raft Adventure you may substitute these boots with a low-cut day hiker trail shoe.
- ___ (4) **Hiking Socks.** Medium weight, non-cotton, wool blend **trail-hiking socks**. You may add an additional 2 pairs of synthetic, non-cotton **liner socks** if you like to layer your socks for blister prevention.
- ___ (7) **Underwear.** We do laundry during most camp sessions.
- ___ (1) **Swim Suit.** One or two piece, your choice.
- ___ (3-4) **Sports Bras.**
- ___ (4) **T-shirts.** Ideally these are synthetic material, but, cotton is allowed.
- ___ (2) **Shorts.** Loose fitting shorts for all kinds of adventure activities. Ideally these are synthetic material, but, cotton is allowed.
- ___ (1) **Fleece Pant.** Warm, medium-weight synthetic **fleece pant** worn regularly during camp.
- ___ (1) **Fleece Jacket.** Warm, medium-weight synthetic **fleece jacket** worn regularly during camp.
- ___ (1) **Long Pant.** A quick-dry non convertible style **non-cotton pant** or a zip-off style "convertible" **non-cotton pant** works well. Jeans are NOT allowed. Exception: If you are attending the Yellowstone Horseback Adventure you may bring 1 pair of jeans (or riding-specific pants) for use during the multi-day horse pack trip.
- ___ (1) **Long Underwear - Bottom.** A base layer, **mid-weight long underwear bottom** (NO cotton.)
- ___ (1) **Long Underwear - Top.** A base layer, **mid-weight long underwear top** (NO cotton.)
- ___ (1) **Rain Pant.** Waterproof **rain pant** (or this **rain pant**). This is one of the most important gear items you'll want to invest in, it's very important for keeping warm, dry and happy at camp. Yes, it is REQUIRED and is nice to have them run little big for adding on top of layers and growing into.
- ___ (1) **Rain Jacket.** Waterproof **hooded rain jacket**. This is one of the most important gear items you'll want to invest in, it's very important for keeping warm, dry and happy at camp.
- ___ (1) **Sun Hat.** A brimmed hat for sun protection (baseball caps work fine.)
- ___ (1) **Warm Hat.** A beanie style **warm hat** for cold nights and mornings. Should be a merino wool blend or synthetic fleece, NOT cotton.
- ___ (1) **Glove Liners.** Light or mid-weight **hand/glove liners** for cold nights and mornings (NO cotton).
- ___ (1) **Paddling Gloves.** ONLY for the Montana Wild Explorer Adventure to protect hands from sun exposure while canoe paddling. A lightweight breathable fingerless uv protective **glove** (a bicycling glove could work.)
- ___ (1) **Pack Towel.** Medium sized **pack towel** that is synthetic (NOT cotton) that you'll find at an outdoor store. Sized 12" x 24" size or a size larger if you like. We recommend smaller/lighter if backpacking with us this summer.

- ___ (1) **Beach Sarong.** ONLY required for the Wild & Scenic Raft and Montana Wild Explorer Adventures, a multi-purpose cover-up to avoid sun exposure, used for multi-day river paddling trips.
- ___ (1) **Long Sleeved UV Protection Sun Shirt.** Optional on most camps and REQUIRED for the Wild & Scenic Raft and Montana Wild Explorer Adventures where there are many days on the river with lots of sun exposure.
- ___ (1) **Canoe Chair.** (Optional) This is not required on any camps, but, is recommended for the Montana Wild Explorer Adventure, used in canoe for comfort.
- ___ (1) **Camp Pillow.** (Optional) A small inflatable or non-inflatable camp pillow purchased from an outdoor store (regular bed pillows are not allowed).
- ___ (1) **Mosquito Headnet.** (Optional) This is recommended for the Yellowstone Horseback Adventure and Cascades Sea to Summit Adventure, but can be brought for any trip if desired.
- ___ (1) **Pajamas.** (Optional) A set of non-bulky PJs is allowed, however, we encourage you leave these at home. At the start of camp, you'll will select a "sleeping outfit" from your gear list and will learn to keep it clean, but if it makes you feel a bit more cozy, you are welcome to bring PJs.

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- ___ (1) **Small Backpack.** Select a school-sized day-pack backpack with shoulder straps (used daily during travel and during camp) and pack the following items in it.....
- ___ (1) **Mesh Dunk Bag.** This is used to store the following Mess Kit items:
 - ___ (1) **Mug.** A 12 oz. insulated **travel mug** with lid (for backpacking meals and hot drinks)
 - ___ (1) **Plate and Bowl.** An **unbreakable medium sized plate** and **bowl**. A Tupperware bowl with fitted lid used as a plate works well.
 - ___ (1) **Utensil Set.** Made for camping style work best, but any will do.
- ___ (1) **Personal Toiletry Kit.** A kit should have your name on it and include the following travel sized items that are also labeled with your name:
 - ___ (1) **Toothbrush + Toothpaste.**
 - ___ (1) **Sunscreen.** Minimum SPF 30 (no spray cans). Exception: if you are attending the Wild & Scenic Raft or the Montana Wild Explorer Adventure you may bring either 1 large sunscreen or 2 smaller ones, we have lots of sun exposure on the multi-day river trips.
 - ___ (1) **Chap stick.** SPF 15 (minimum) is required.
 - ___ (2) **Hand Sanitizers.** Travel size Purell waterless hand sanitizers (at least 60% alcohol-based).
 - ___ (2) **Wipes.** Travel size antibacterial hand wipes.
 - ___ (-) **Tampons and/or pads.** Bring a few just in case.
 - ___ (1) **Deodorant.** No aerosol cans or sprays, stick only.
 - ___ (1) **Comb.** Or a small brush if your prefer.
 - ___ (1) **Shampoo + Conditioner.**
 - ___ (1) **Bio-degradable Soap.**
 - ___ (1) **Lotion.** Travel size non-scented hand/body lotion. Exception: if you are attending the Wild & Scenic Raft or the Montana Wild Explorer Adventure you may bring either 1 large non scented lotion or 2 smaller ones, we have lots of sun exposure on the multi-day river trips.
- ___ (1) **Insect Repellent.** Travel size packed in a ziplock bag to avoid leaking (no spray cans). We suggest 100% DEET products for short term use at camp. If you are very concerned about mosquitoes, feel free to pack a breezy long sleeved shirt in addition to bug spray.
- ___ (4) **Ziplock Bags.** Gallon size is good, used for personal garbage and protecting some of your things in case of rain.
- ___ (2) **Trash Bags.** Unscented 30-40 gallon trash bags, used for lining backpacks in case of rain.
- ___ (1) **Bandana.**
- ___ (1-2) **Cloth Masks.** Cloth masks must be 2 or 3 layers of washable fabric that fit comfortable and securely over nose and mouth without gaps (no buffs, neck gaiters, face shields or bandanas). You may bring additional masks of different types as long as they fit you well and are masks that you will wear consistently if needed during camp.
- ___ (1) **Headlamp.** Small with an extra set batteries.

- ___ (1) **Whistle Necklace.** A whistle on a string is worn around your neck during camp as a safety precaution.
- ___ (1) **Sunglasses.**
- ___ (1) **Nalgene Water Bottle.** A 32 oz. Nalgene wide-mouth loop-top **water bottle** with screw on lid is used daily at camp.
NOTE: Alpengirl provides **Aqua Mira** or iodine tablets for water purification when in the backcountry. Aqua Mira is a chlorine dioxide based treatment that is iodine and chlorine free. However, if you have sensitivity to this treatment you may call Alpengirl to discuss alternative water purification options.
- ___ (1) **Carabiner.** ONLY required for the Wild & Scenic Raft, used for securing water bottle to raft on multi-day raft trip.
- ___ (1) **Glasses + Contacts.** Eyeglasses or contacts with solution (If needed).
- ___ (1) **Notebook.** (Optional) A small travel-sized notebook and pencil/pen.
- ___ (1-2) **Books.** (Optional) We do not allow e-readers, but, you may bring 1 or 2 books. Large or heavy books are not allowed on backpacking days of trips, so, save reading of your your small and lightweight book for your backpacking trip.
- ___ (1) **Pocket Knife.** (Optional) You may bring a small pocket knife to camp as long as you know how to properly/safely use it before you arrive at camp. If you bring one to camp, you'll need Alpenguide approval and supervision while using it. Improper, unsafe pocket knife use may warrant confiscation of it until end of camp. This should be packed in your checked bag if traveling to camp by airplane.
- ___ (1) **Music List.** (Optional) Write down a music list to share with the group. Your Alpenguides can make a playlist on their devices and we can listen to music when we are traveling in the van during camp together as a group. Sorry, no personal headphones or personal music playing devices are allowed at camp; if you arrive with them, they will be put away and stored for non-use during camp with us.
- ___ (1) **Digital Camera.** (Optional) Bring a camera with protective case, extra batteries/vehicle charger, and memory cards. Cell phones are put away and stored during camp, so, if you want to take pictures at camp, you'll need to bring an inexpensive digital camera.
- ___ (1) **Ziplock #1.** A large ziplock labeled with campers name and includes the following items:
 - ___ **Airline Tickets.** If flying to/from camp you may also need identification, check your airline rules.
 - ___ **Baggage & Unaccompanied Minor Fees.** If flying home from camp, include a "paid in full" receipt, cash or credit/debit card for these fees. Please include a note for us to understand what each payment or receipt is for; we will hold on to this for your camper until departure. (Read Alpengirl camp **travel information** for more details.)
 - ___ **Outfitter Waivers.** Alpengirl uses contracted service providers for activities such as surfing, rafting, climbing, riding, kayaking. These providers have their own waivers that parents are required to sign. Campers bring these signed waivers with them to camp for collection by Alpenguides upon arrival to camp. Campers may not participate in these activities without a signed waiver. These waivers are emailed to parents in late May; these waivers are NOT found on the website. If having trouble finding the waivers we provided, just contact us, we'll email them to you again. Exception: Lil's Adventures do not have any additional activity waivers.
 - ___ **National Park Form.** If you are attending North Cascades, Cascades Sea to Summit, WA Lil's, Olympic Mini or Olympic Sea to Summit Adventures you'll need to bring the signed Visitor Use Acknowledgment of Risk Form that was emailed to you in late May; this form is NOT found on the website. This form is collection upon arrival to camp by Alpenguides.
 - ___ **Spending Money Cash.** Campers should arrive with a little bit of personal spending money cash, \$25-\$50 is recommended. This can be spent on replacing lost, damaged, inadequate or expired personal items or gear such as chap stick, contact solution, etc. Money that campers don't spend on replacement items will be happily spent on their own special treats like ice cream at the end of camp.
 - ___ **Camp Store Cash.** (Optional) Most camp sessions sell **Alpengirl camp store** items during camp, \$25-\$100 is recommended.
 - ___ **Mail.** (Optional) Sometimes, parents like to send along a few (1-3) pre-written camp letters that can be distributed to their camper during camp by the Alpenguides.
 - ___ **Cell Phone + Charger.** We recommend that campers bring a cell phone (with wall charger and vehicle charger) for use during travel to/from camp. All camper phones will be collected, turned off and stored for non-use during camp. Most camp sessions offer a scheduled day at the end of camp when campers call home using their own cell phone (campers without a cell phone may borrow an Alpenguide cell phone for a brief scheduled call home). Exceptions: due to the short duration of the Lil's sessions, they do not have a scheduled day at the end of camp to call home and will not need a cell phone unless they are flying to/from camp without a parent.
- ___ (1) **Ziplock #2.** A large ziplock labeled with campers name and includes the following items:

Medications. "Medication" is any substance a person takes to maintain and/or improve their health. This includes vitamins and natural remedies. Bring enough medication to last the entire time at camp. Medication brought to camp must be in original pharmacy containers with labels that show the campers name and how the medication should be given. If you are or think you may be severely allergic to bee/wasp stings or foods or plants that would require immediate medication, you are required to bring two of your own self-injecting Epi-pens. As a safety precaution, all medications (including aspirin) are collected at the start of the trip and administered as required or needed. Note for those bringing inhalers: two inhalers are REQUIRED, one can be kept in the possession the camper with the prescription, the other will be kept in the possession of our camp staff.

Don't Bring:

- Personal music players (you may use during your travel to and from camp, but they will be held during camp for you).
- Valuable items that may get lost, stolen or damaged (Alpengirl can not be held liable for loss, theft or damage of any items you bring to camp).
- Magazines, e-book readers, video cameras, food, drinks, gum, candy, breath mints (you may use during your travel to and from camp, but they will be held during camp for you).
- Medications or vitamins of any kind that are not listed on your Alpengirl Health Form.
- More than what is on this list.