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A newsletter for first time staff at Camp Hazen YMCA

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Okay but what do I pack??

PACKING GUIDELINES

We recommend packing in large duffle bags or backpacks that can fold and store easily under the bunks. There is only a 9-inch clearance under the bunks where all luggage needs to be stored. Check out Slack– in the channel #staffresources-campknowledge to see what our bunk bed situation looks like. Each staff gets about 3 shelves each and then shares under the bed.

PLEASE CAREFULLY LABEL ALL ITEMS.

There is a lost and found at camp, we encourage you to check it out if you have lost something. Camp Hazen YMCA is NOT responsible for any items that are lost or stolen. We recommend grabbing a Sharpie and writing your name on EVERYTHING!


LAUNDRY


We have the ability to do laundry if an accident requires it, but there is no regular laundry done on site. You have the option to sign up for a bi-weekly laundry service, or you can choose to go to a local laundromats on your day off.

If you choose the laundry service they pick up the laundry on the 2nd Wednesday of a session and return on the Friday. The price is usually around \$15 per time (which will come right out of your paycheck) and you do have to commit to the whole summer.

This packing list is for a 2 week session– please adjust accordingly for the summer.

CLOTHING

- ☐ 5-8 t-shirts
- ☐ 2 White T-shirt (*Tye Dying/All Camp Day Event*) 
- ☐ 1-2 long sleeved shirts
- ☐ 3-5 pairs of shorts
- ☐ 2-3 pairs of long pants/jeans
- ☐ 1-2 sweatshirts
- ☐ 2-3 swimsuits & swim shirts
- ☐ 1-2 pairs of pajamas
- ☐ 13-15 pairs of underwear
- ☐ 13-15 pairs of socks
- ☐ Raincoat or poncho
- ☐ 1- 2 pairs of sneakers (*required for most activities*)
- ☐ 1- 2 pairs of flip flops, chacos or sandals

 The weather in Connecticut is pretty inconsistent. In June when you arrive the evenings might be a bit chilly.

6:00am— 63°F

12:00pm—75°F

6:00pm— 70°F

July and August its usually pretty hot. I would say in the 80s-90s during the day and mid to upper 70s at night!

Some years it rains a lot and some year not nearly enough. But either way I would highly recommend a rain jacket or poncho!

Fahrenheit to Celsius conversion chart!

50°F	10
55°F	12.8
60°F	15.6
65°F	18.3
68°F	20
70°F	21.1
73°F	23
75°F	23.9
80°F	26.7
85°F	29.4
90°F	32.2
95°F	35
98.6°F	37
100°F	38.8

GEAR

- ☐ 1 sleeping bag (You can buy this at Walmart for around \$25 or Amazon and have it delivered to camp!)
- ☐ 2 bath towels + 2 beach towels
- ☐ 1 laundry bag (If you sign up for the laundry service they will supply a bag)
- ☐ 1-2 water bottles (Our staff gift to you all is a custom Hazen Nalgene waterbottle but it's good to have more than one!)
- ☐ Sunscreen, Sunscreen, Sunscreen!
- ☐ 1 flashlight with extra batteries
- ☐ Day backpack
- ☐ Insect repellent (non-aerosol)
- ☐ Toiletries (soap, shampoo, hairbrush, toothpaste, toothbrush, etc...)
- ☐ Container to carry toiletries to shower
- ☐ Watch (You can buy this at Walmart for around \$15-\$25 or Amazon! We don't want you checking the time on your phone)
- ☐ Prescription medication (if needed)
- ☐ Over the counter medication. For example, I often get headaches so I would bring my own pain relieving meds. (For occasional things our health lodge does have a supply of otc meds.)
- ☐ Pen & Notebook
- ☐ Padlock for personal locker(we have small lockers in the staff lounge if you would like to store anything there)

USA STAFF

- ☐ 1 twin size fitted & flat sheet
- ☐ 1 blanket or comforter
- ☐ 1 pillow & pillowcase

International Staff will be provided with bedding

(sleeping bag not included)

OPTIONAL ITEMS

- ☐ Reading material - paper/printed books only
- ☐ Deck of cards or other small games
- ☐ Items from home to share with friends
- ☐ Car—with permission from Camp Director



ALL CAMP DAYS!

We will get into this more later but I want to list the themes and team colors.

You will find out your team the session before so you will have some time to plan your outfit for the day.

For the Hazen Bowl, part of our Opening Ceremony is to use spray bottles and dye campers shirts their team colors. It's not required for staff to do this but it is fun and recommended.

For the Worldz cup, each camper is supposed to bring their own white t-shirt. The staff help them write their name in sharpie on the back and then the leadership team collects the shirts and dyes them

Session A: Hazen Series

Pirates– Red

Thunderbirds– Blue



Session B: Hazen Bowl

Mind– Green and White

Body– Black and Red

Spirit– Yellow and Blue



Session C: Olympics

Red-Red

Blue-blue

Yellow– Yellow

Green– Green



Session D: Worldz Cup

Mercury– Purple

Venus– Green

Mars– Red

Jupiter– Orange

Saturn– Yellow

Neptune-Blue

