

## **WHAT TO PACK – GETTING READY FOR CAMP**

### LABEL EVERYTHING

- Mark all clothing, shoes and other items with the camper's name using a waterproof marker.
  - Label luggage
  - Label trash bags used for dirty clothes with colorful duct tape and the camper's name and county.
  - Label bags used for medication with the camper's name and county
- Trash bags of dirty clothing can be confused with trash and thrown away. Be sure to label the bags well.*

### CHOOSING THE RIGHT KINDS OF CLOTHES

- Do not pack clothing that violates the dress code. Dress code information is available from the County 4-H Office.
  - Be aware of requirements in the dress code regarding swimsuits.
  - Underwear should be worn at all times and should not be visible.
  - Campers are rough on clothes. We recommend older clothes that can get wet or muddy.
  - Pack more socks and underwear than you would normally need for 5 days and 4 nights.
  - Plan to wear shorts that extend at least to the mid-thigh on the high-ropes course.
- Cheerleading shorts are not long enough to wear on the high-ropes course.*
- Shoes to keep dry (tennis shoes for running around, hiking, climbing, and times when they won't get wet)
  - Shoes to get wet (old shoes that can be thrown away or sandals with a heel strap).
- Explain to children that wearing wet socks, shoes or sandals all day causes blisters.*

### WHAT TO PACK

- Hillbilly Costume for the Costume Party on Wednesday night.
  - Sleeping bag – strongly recommended. Twin-size sheets will work (No linens or blankets are provided by Wahsega)
- Chaperones may request a blanket if one is needed.*
- Pillow (No pillows provided)
  - Towels & washcloths
  - Soap & toiletries (shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.)
  - Basket or bag to carry bath supplies when walking to the bathhouse
  - Daily change of clothes and underwear (pack clothes that can get dirty)
  - Old shirts & jeans (for ropes courses)
  - Shoes & extra socks (no flip flops; sandals must have a heel strap)
  - Swimsuits or swim trunks and cut-off jeans for the waterfall.
  - Jacket or sweatshirt (for cool mornings and nights)
  - Rain jacket
  - Insect repellent
  - Water bottle
  - Waterproof sunscreen
  - Laundry bag (for wet and dirty clothes)

## OPTIONAL ITEMS

- Money for the Canteen (coins and one dollar bills for the vending machines)
- Talent Show props, sheet music, CD's, costumes, etc.
- Sandals (no flip flops or *any* sandals without a heel strap)
- Disposable camera
- Shower shoes (flip flops allowed in showers, but not around camp)
- Paper, stamps, envelopes if you plan to write home (stationery is not sold in the canteen)

## WHAT NOT TO PACK

- Knives, firearms, fireworks or any other dangerous items or weapons
- Electronic devices such as video games, music players, digital cameras or cell phones  
*Cell phone service is not available at Wahsega because it is too remote*
- Medications – Give it to an adult at the county office
- Jewelry, large amounts of money or other items of value  
*We are not responsible for anything that is lost or stolen*

## **REMINDERS**

### PACK A PILLOW & SLEEPING BAG OR SHEETS AND BLANKET

Pillows and sheets are not provided. Take a pillow and sleeping bag or twin sheets and adequate covers for the bunk beds. Blankets are no longer provided on the beds.

### PACK TOILETRIES

Towels, washcloths, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant and other toiletries are not provided.

### MONEY FOR THE CANTEEN

We sell souvenirs, clothing and snacks in the canteen. Caffeine-free soft drinks are available for \$2.00. The vending machines only accept coins and \$1 bills.

### PACK OLD CLOTHES & SHOES

Pack old clothes and shoes that can get dirty. Pack old shoes for attendance in the Stream Ecology class.

### PLAN TO WEAR SHOES OR SANDALS WITH A HEEL STRAP

Only sandals with a heel strap are allowed at Wahsega. To prevent injury, you must wear shoes that will stay on your feet.

## **STATEMENT REGARDING PERSONAL ITEMS**

Please leave personal electronic devices at home unless authorized by and used under direct supervision of an adult. Campers are discouraged from having cell phones at 4-H camp. 4-H'ers are not allowed to have skates, roller blades, bicycles, laser pointers or other personal items that would make safety an issue.