



2026 PACKING LIST

Check Out our [PACKING POINTERS](#)

Required CLC-Branded Clothes

From our apparel partner, *Everything Camper*

- 1 CLC Sweatshirt** (any color)
- 2 White CLC T-Shirts**
- 2 Hunter Green CLC T-Shirts**
- 1 (White/Green) Reversible Mesh Pinnie**
(This can REPLACE 1 of the t-shirts of your choice from above)
- 1 Pair White Shorts**
(Can be CLC Logo, or SUBSTITUTE with plain White)
- 1 Pair Hunter Green Shorts**
(Can be CLC Logo, or SUBSTITUTE with plain Hunter Green)

Non-Uniform Apparel & Gear

Camp Gear (or "Camp Swag")

CLC works with [Everything Camper](#) for CLC-branded clothing. General questions about Camp Gear can be directed to [Ann](#).

PLEASE PLACE ORDERS BY APRIL 1st

Issues with placing/placed orders, please contact Everything Camper Customer Support @ 917-243-9054

- 12 T-Shirts/Tank Tops**
- 1 Plain White T-Shirt** (no logo)
- Tribal T-Shirts** (any Green/White)
- 3 Pairs of Pants** (sweatpants, jeans, etc.)
- 10 Pairs of Shorts**
- 2 Sweatshirts**
- 20 Pairs of Underwear**
- 15 Pairs of Socks**
- 2 Sets of Pajamas/Sleepwear**
- 2 Baseball Hats**
- 2 Pairs of Sneakers** (not Crocs)
- 1 Pair Rainboots/Waterproof Shoes for Rain** (not Crocs)
- 1 Pair Crocs** (or equivalent)
- 1 Pair Hiking Shoes** (optional)

Special Activities & Spirit Gear

Our programming team creates amazing special activities. These include our Tribal (Color War) experience, and other spirited traditions like Halloween, Lip Sync, Fourth of July, and more. A variety of costumes, spirit gear, and other fun stuff can be great for kids to have, such as:

Simple Costumes, Green/White "Tribal" Gear, Fun Socks, 4th of July Stuff, Tutus, Silly Hats, Neon/Sparkly Clothing, College Spirit Gear, Tie-Dye, Fun PJs, or other items

Waterfront Gear

- 5 Swimsuits** (PLEASE READ "PACKING POINTERS")
- Swim Goggles** (optional)

Outerwear

- 1 Lightweight Jacket or Fleece**
- 1 Rain Jacket or Poncho** (hooded and waterproof)

Bed & Bath Stuff

- 2 Blankets** (1 comforter + 1 lightweight)
- 2 Fitted Twin Sheet Sets** (fitted sheet + flat sheet + pillow case)
- 1 Standard Pillow**
- 1 Shower Organizer**
- 1 Laundry Bag**
- 1 End-of-Bed Shoe Organizer** (Velcro straps, sample [here](#))
- 1 Mesh Sock/Delicates Bag**
- 3 Hand Towels/Wash Cloths** (for face/handwashing)
- Hairbrush/Comb**
- Soap/Body Wash**
- Shampoo/Conditioner**
- Deodorant**
- Toothbrush + Toothpaste**
- Shower Shoes/Flip-Flops** (for bunk only)
- Bathrobe** (optional)
- Nail Clipper, Feminine Hygiene Products + Other Toiletries** (optional)

Additional Gear

- 1 Sleeping Bag** (all campers)
- 1 Flashlight**
- 3 Water Bottles** (dishwasher-safe & durable)
- Sunscreen + Lip Balm** (multiple containers)
- Insect Repellant** (multiple containers)
- Stationery + Stamps**
- Pre-Addressed Envelopes/Labels + Pens/Pencils**
- Books, Playing Cards & Non-Electronic Games** (if your child is a "reader," send plenty to complement the lending libraries we have at camp – and remember that packages cannot be sent to camp)
- Battery-Powered Reading Light**
- Drawstring Bag or Light Backpack**
- Battery-Powered Fan** (optional)
- Battery-Powered Clock** (optional)
- Extra Batteries** (for above items)
- "Tribal" Gear** (for our Color War program, first-time campers will find out team at camp and we will provide a "Starter Kit")
- 1-2 Mouth Guards** (campers that plan to play in Intercamp Sports should bring at least 1 to camp)
- Extra Pair of Eyeglasses + Sport Straps** (suggested for campers with glasses)
- Bedside Organizer** (optional)

- Music Player** (optional, NO video or Wi-Fi capacity at all)
- Bluetooth Speaker** (optional)
- Storage Container for Stuff** (optional, 14.5" x 8.25" size maximum)
- Clipboard with Holder/Case** (optional)
- 1-2 Stuffed Animals** (optional)
- Photos/Posters/Personal Items** (optional, please send only removable adhesive products for attaching to walls in bunks)

Specialty Gear (OPTIONAL)

All necessary equipment for sports is provided by camp, but if campers want to bring their own equipment, these items are welcome (see "Additional Gear" for Mouthguard info):

- Cleats for Baseball/Softball/Soccer/Lax**
- Shin Guards for Soccer**
- 2 Pairs of Socks for Soccer**
- Tennis Racquet**
- Baseball/Softball Glove**
- Hockey Stick/Equipment** (please send bag)
- Gymnastics Leotard**
- Lacrosse Stick**
- Musical Instruments**
- Fishing Rod**

Packing & Shipping Supplies

- 1-2 Soft Trunks/Cargo Bags**
- 1 Sport Duffel or Small Travel Bag/Backpack**

What Should Stay at Home?

- Clothing requiring special washing
- Open-Toe Shoes
- Valuable Jewelry or Personal Items
- Any device with the ability to connect to the internet (even if you've disabled Wi-Fi)
- Any type of device with a screen
- Folding Chairs
- Area Rugs/Carpet for Bunks
- "Egg Crate" Mattress Pads
- Chests of Drawers or Under-Bed Storage Bins
- **Anything that will make a camper or parent upset if it doesn't make it home.** ☺

If It's Coming, LABEL It!

There is **NO ITEM** on this list that is fully protected against being misplaced. Please take the time to make sure that everything coming to camp is labeled **CLEARLY** with a camper's name (last name and first initial, if possible). CLC will share labeling options prior to the summer (like Label Daddy), but a permanent marker works well.

Need Help? Call us at 516-221-8800 or 866-621-CAMP any time! ☺



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Please pay special attention to the following items on this year's packing list, as we always make limited adjustments each year. Even if you had a child at camp in the previous summers, we ask that you review the updated list and follow the guidance provided.

1. **All campers should have a total of 4 uniform (CLC logo) t-shirts.** This should include 1 or 2 White Traditional Tees, 1 or 2 Hunter Green Traditional Tees **AND 1 Mesh Reversible Pinnie.** Parents can choose whether to have 1 or 2 of the White/Green Traditional Tees (and the Pinnie can be used for both colors). It's very important for the campers to have the pinnie, as this may be used for various activities during the summer. All campers are **required to have 1 CLC Sweatshirt.** All campers are **required to have 1 Pair White Shorts and 1 Pair Hunter Green Shorts.** They can be plain OR have the CLC logo.
2. All campers must **bring an "end of the bed" shoe organizer** with Velcro straps so that it can attach to the bed.
3. All campers must bring a **medium size sport duffel or backpack (drawstring is fine)** to be used for their trips. Some campers will also want to carry a very light bag with them throughout the day with a change of clothes, water bottle, etc. **Campers also must have their bags shipped to camp in advance** (refer to forms, Chestnut Essentials, and/or Handbook for more guidance) – you can find examples of the appropriate Soft Trucks/Cargo Bags by doing an Internet search.
4. All campers must **bring a sleeping bag.** We cannot guarantee how frequently it will be used, but it's for each camper to have one.
5. Our camper beds are cot-sized, but **sheets that are sized for cots OR twin sizes will work fine (we have changed the language on the Packing List to be only "Twin," but "Cot" will work).** Full size or larger sheets will be too large.
6. **Having 3 water bottles is very important.** We have bottle-filling stations throughout camp that campers will use. And we will wash water bottles approximately once each week in our dining hall. Please make sure that the water bottles are dishwasher-safe, and CLEARLY (and permanently) LABELED. Also, we strongly encourage you to send DURABLE bottles that will stand up to regular use at camp.
7. **We recommend sending "Crocs" to camp.** These shoes are not to be used for sports programming or active events at camp, but can be very useful for walking to/from other activities (including time at the waterfront). And we typically give special "Jibbitz" to our campers.
8. **Tribal is our "Color War" program, and it's awesome.** New campers bring red shirts provided to them and learn what team they're going to be on – the (Green) Unami Turtles or (White) Minsi Wolves – when they arrive. They will be on that team forever, as will their siblings. In their first summer, we will give them a little Tribal Starter Kit, but parents should feel free to pack some green and white spirit gear, tutus, headbands, t-shirts, etc. in bags.
9. Hiking shoes can be important to have, but **we appreciate that traditional hiking-style boots are less popular. You can feel free to send a different pair of sneakers, trail-runners or other similar types of footwear** that your camper will be able to use in the outdoors hiking on trails, or when they are enjoying camping activities. These should be rainproof, sturdy, and NOT be the same sneakers they will wear for sports and regular activities. **You will also notice our request for campers to have rain boots or waterproof shoes for rain.** We know these may not be popular, but if/when we have heavy rain at camp, the grounds become extremely wet and we do not want campers wearing non-waterproof sneakers. Depending on what choice you make, hiking and rain boots may be interchangeable.

Bathing Suits

Chestnut Lake allows two-piece bathing suits (like "tankinis" and "bikinis"), but only with this understanding: *Chestnut Lake prides itself on being a low-key, down-to-earth, and wholesome environment for campers and staff. In keeping with this philosophy, we ask parents to ensure that swimwear sent to camp will be comfortable for their child, will support their child's development of a positive body image, and will be suitable for physically-active programs in the lake and pool throughout the summer. We also want to stress that swimwear should not be sexually-suggestive or immodest.* While we recognize that this is subjective criteria, we ask parents to avoid string bikinis and other suit styles that they feel might in any way be deemed inappropriate by Chestnut's leaders. If we feel that a camper should change into a different bathing suit, we will ask them to do so discretely. If you have questions about this policy, please contact [Ann](#).

What Not to Bring

In keeping with our "Screen-Free" policy, please do not send Gameboys/PSP's, video iPods or Touches, video cameras, or cell phones to camp. Additionally, **the following items are not permitted at Chestnut Lake: folding chairs, inflatable furniture, bedside mats, curling irons or straighteners, under bed storage boxes, egg crates, and shoes (or sneakers) with high heels or wedges.** We have created a community based on the idea that there is "one standard for everyone" and we ask for your cooperation in making sure that these items are not sent to camp.

Music Devices

We recognize that many children like to listen to music during rest hour and before they go to sleep at night. Therefore, **we will allow campers to bring their iPods (except for iPod touch or any other device with wireless capabilities or video).** Alternatives to iPods like this are devices such as the [AiMoonsa Player](#) and [Mighty](#) (**Note: We no longer recommend the "JOLIKE" player because the manufacturer has changed its features.**) Please pay attention to whether these sorts of devices have Wi-Fi and/or video playback options – devices like that cannot be brought to camp). Please be aware that Chestnut Lake will not be responsible for lost or damaged devices.

And...

(1) Please remember that we have a **NO PACKAGE** policy – please send enough supplies with your camper to last for the full session they are attending. (2) One last time, **please remember that EVERYTHING** coming to camp should be **LABLED**.