



# 2025 PACKING POINTERS

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 (new for 2025) 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). 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. [Click here](#) for an example.
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 [here](#).
4. All campers must **bring a sleeping bag.** We cannot guarantee how frequently it will be used, but it is a very important thing for each camper to have.
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 [JOLIKE Player](#) and [Mighty](#) (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 iPods and/or other 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 LABELED.**