

# **CAMP BAGGAGE GUIDE**

The arrival and departure of campers is a very important consideration. One key dimension is making sure that a camper's baggage arrives in advance. This process allows counselors the time to completely unpack each camper's belongings in the cabin, make their bed for them with their bed linens, and store their baggage for them until the end of the session. When campers arrive for the start of their session, they feel welcomed and ready to start having fun at Chestnut.

At Chestnut, we believe that it's important to give our families *options*. We know that families have various needs and priorities, and therefore we try to be as flexible as possible. At the same time, we do make recommendations to families that are thoughtful, reliable, and aligned with Chestnut's commitment to service quality. In that regard, you will see our recommended options for 2025 below, and we look forward to a successful summer with the camp baggage process.

These are the keys to the baggage process:

- Parents can choose any method of baggage delivery/pick-up they like, but we recommend the following (see more details included later in this Baggage Guide):
  - **Door-va-Door** (offering both centralized locations throughout our primary areas where families live, and door-to-door options in those same areas as well)
  - o Ship Camps
  - In-Person Drop-Off/Pick-Up
- Please make sure to use this address for delivery:
  - Chestnut Lake Camp | 326 Trails End Road, Beach Lake, PA 18405
- Baggage delivery/pick-up **deadlines** are as follows for 2025:
  - First Session/Full Summer: <u>Bags must arrive by June 23<sup>rd</sup></u>
  - First Session: Bags must be picked up/shipped home by July 25<sup>th\*</sup>
  - Second Session: <u>Bags must arrive by July 25<sup>th</sup></u>
    - \*If a family is attending Visiting Day on July 26<sup>th</sup> and would like to drop off a Second Session camper's bags on that day/pick up a First Session camper's bags, we allow it (in person only).
  - Second Session/Full Summer: <u>Bags must be picked up/shipped home by August 17th</u>
- If your child will be attending **Discovery Camp**, their bags should come with Disco campers to camp and will NOT need to be shipped separately. In terms of the return of their bags, they will be picked up by parents on the last day of the Disco Camp program.
- Parents will choose the baggage solution that makes the most sense for them, but it is important that:
  - $\circ$   $\;$  The bags are labeled very clearly;
  - The bags are very durable;
  - $\circ$   $\;$  The bags can be stored easily during the session at camp;
  - The bags should not be oversized (please try to use bags that when filled with supplies weigh less than 75 pounds, at most). We recommend soft (but durable) bags, if possible.
- Campers can always bring a backpack, hand-carriables, and other small items on the bus (or by car/flight). If you are looking for recommendations for baggage, you can search for options provided by <u>Everything</u> <u>Camper</u>. Please make sure that ALL BAGS ARE MARKED WITH YOUR CHILD'S FULL NAME.



## **2025 Recommended Baggage Options**



## Door-va-Door | CLICK HERE

This will be our second year working with Door-va-Door, after great success and feedback in 2024. Door-va-Door is run by Josh Romirowsky and Maor Rozalis. **Door-va-Door will pick up** 

baggage at your home or will arrange for a centralized pick-up/drop-off location in many areas (for a lower price), deliver it to camp by the prescribed dates, and deliver it back to you within a few days of your child's departure from camp.

- **Door-va-Door charges a fee (use the link above to see all specific fees and service options) for <u>2 BAGS</u>. They strongly recommend using two bags rather than an oversized single bag (there are additional charges for bags over 65 pounds). If you will only be sending one bag, please consult with a member of the Chestnut team if you have questions.**
- Chestnut has worked with Door-va-Door to negotiate the same fee for all families in the following US states: NY, NJ, CT, PA, DE, MD, DC, and VA. Families in South FL or other areas may see higher rates due to distance or more limited numbers of families in their areas. Centralized pick-up/drop-off locations have been PROPOSED for the following areas (these will be confirmed before the summer):
  - NY (Manhattan, Manhasset, White Plains)

• **PA** (Ardmore, Plymouth Meeting)

• **NJ** (Edison, Livingston, Paramus, Scotch Plains)

- MD/DC (Baltimore, Rockville)
  South FL (Aventura, Boca Raton)
- Here are the Early Bird service fees for 2025 <u>registered by April 15<sup>th</sup></u> for Door-va-Door (registration after April 15<sup>th</sup> will see pricing increases of \$45/shipment):

Door-va-Door Service Fees 1	NY, NJ, CT, PA, DE, MD, DC & VA	South FL	Other US States
Door-to-Door (2 BAGS)	<b>\$355 Round-</b> <b>Trip</b> /\$210 One-Way	<b>\$549 Round-</b> <b>Trip</b> /\$325 One-Way	Please email support@doorvadoor.com to determine service options
Centralized Pick-up/Drop-Off (2 BAGS)	<b>\$205 Round-</b> Trip/\$135 One-Way	<b>\$399 Round-</b> <b>Trip</b> /\$250 One-Way	Please email support@doorvadoor.com to determine service options

<sup>1</sup> Families with at least one parent on staff at Chestnut Lake (for the summer or year-round) will receive a 25% discount, and families with THREE campers shipping baggage to camp will receive a 25% discount.

- \$250 of insurance is included (per item being sent).
- Service Fees are **based on a weight limit of 65 pounds/bag**. Heavier weights will warrant an additional service charge.

#### 🕎 Ship Camps

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Ship Camps utilizes existing third-party shipping resources like FedEx and UPS and apply their logistical support to streamline the process for parents to ship baggage to and from camp. In most cases, Ship Camps fees will be less than arranging your shipment directly with FedEx or UPS. Here's how the system works: (1) **Schedule** your child's shipment online, (2) **print/attach shipping labels** and prepare your child's camp baggage, (3) **attach shipping labels**, and then (4) **ship** your child's camp baggage.



Ship Camps Service Fees	NY, NJ, CT, PA, DE, MD, DC, VA, MA, ME, NH, RI, VT & WV	Southeast & Midwest	West Coast
1 BAG (60 lb. weight limit)	[CHECK SHIP CAMPS SITE]	[CHECK SHIP CAMPS SITE]	[CHECK SHIP CAMPS SITE]



## In-Person Drop-Off/Pick-Up | CONTACT US

If you are arranging to drop-off or pick-up baggage on-site at camp, please **make sure that bags arrive** or leave by the <u>specific dates outlined on Page 1 of this document</u>. Please contact our Office Manager, Caryn Labkovski, in advance at <u>caryn@chestnutlakecamp.com</u> and provide the details of your planned

delivery/pick-up.