



## PACKING GUIDE FOR GARIN, MASKILIM, TALMIDIM, CHALUTZIM

Welcome to your 2024 guide to packing and preparing for camp! When you arrive on Opening Day, your camper's belongings will be transported from your car directly to your camper's cabin by our staff. **Please help us to ensure that every camper's belongings get to the correct cabin by following these guidelines:**

- **PACKING AND LUGGAGE** Everything that your camper brings to camp **MUST** be packed in their luggage. **DO NOT SEND LOOSE ITEMS.** This includes shower and bath caddies, so please consider using a collapsible version that will fit in your camper's duffle bag. If your camper will bring plastic drawers, please tape them shut for easy transport. Campers will unpack on Opening Day and will not have access to their luggage again until the pack to go home.
- **LABEL EACH PIECE OF LUGGAGE** Please write your camper's first and last name on each piece of luggage, including any plastic drawers.
- **MEDICATION** All medication **MUST** be turned in upon arrival at camp. Please note that we require all camper medication to be pre-packaged, in advance, in a special blister-pack for easy distribution. You will need to purchase medication blister-packs in advance of the summer, so we highly encourage you to [familiarize yourself with this procedure by clicking here.](#)
- **OPENING DAY BACKPACK** Each camper should arrive with an **Opening Day Backpack** to help them jump right in while all of their luggage is being transported to their cabin. This can be the same backpack they will use for the rest of the summer! It should be regular-sized, labeled with your camper's name, and contain the following items:
  - ☐ Ziplock bag with essential toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, retainer, deodorant, menstrual products, etc.)
  - ☐ A stuffed animal or other comfort item your camper might want at bedtime
  - ☐ Hat
  - ☐ Water Bottle
  - ☐ Towel
  - ☐ Bathing Suit and any other swim necessities (goggles, earplugs, etc.)
- **INVOLVE YOUR CAMPER IN THE PACKING PROCESS** Please try to involve your camper in the packing process to make it easier for them to unpack in their cabin. This is especially helpful for younger campers. It may help to put Shabbat clothes in a separate ziplock bag labeled "save for Shabbat", and to keep sheets/towels separate from clothing to help them stay organized.



# PACKING LIST FOR GARIN, MASKILIM, TALMIDIM, CHALUTZIM

**\*\*PLEASE LABEL FULL NAME ON ALL CAMPER BELONGINGS \*\***

## Clothing and Shoes

- 10-14 short-sleeved shirts/t-shirts
- 10-14 pairs of shorts
- 1 pair of jeans or long pants
- 1 sweatshirt or long-sleeved shirt
- 14 pairs of underwear
- 12-14 pairs of socks
- 1 lightweight raincoat or poncho
- 2-3 pairs of pajamas
- 2-4 swimsuits
- 1 hat or baseball cap
- 1 set of old clothes for messy night (shirt, shorts, socks)
- 1 pair of sneakers (may want to send an extra for messy night)
- 1 pair of "lake shoes" or water sandals with straps such as Tevas or Chacos
- 1 pair of lip flops or shower/pool sandals

## Shabbat Clothing

- 1-2 white shirts, tops or dresses
- 1-2 white or light kahki shorts or skirts

## Toiletries

- Hairbrush and hair ties, if needed
- Body wash/soap
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Sunscreen
- Bug Spray
- Box of tissues
- 1 shower bucket to hold shampoo, conditioner and body wash
- 1 bathroom bucket to hold toothbrush, toothpaste, hair brush, etc.

## Luggage and Backpacks

- Duffle bag or other luggage to fit all of camper's belongings
- Backpack for daily use (Same as the Opening Day backpack.)

## Bedding and Linens

- 4 bath towels
- 2 washcloths, if needed
- 3 pool towels
- 1 blanket/comforter
- 2 twin fitted sheets
- 2 twin flat sheets
- 2 pillowcases
- 1 pillow
- 2 laundry bags marked with camper's name
- 1 Sleeping Bag

## Writing Home

- 10+ stamped envelopes/postcards or more depending on how often your camper will want to write letters (place in zip lock bag to keep moisture out)
- Stationery, pens, and a container to keep these items organized

## Optional Items

- Plastic drawers and/or hanging organizer (see camper storage info below)
  - Plastic cup or extra water bottle for beside bed
  - Inexpensive Camera
  - Music Player (please see our electronic device policy)
  - Extra eyeglasses
  - Sunglasses
  - Tape for hanging photos
  - Bandana
  - Bathrobe
  - Musical instruments, if your camper would like to perform at camp
- [Sensory headphones](#)



## TIPS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM EXPERIENCED PARENTS

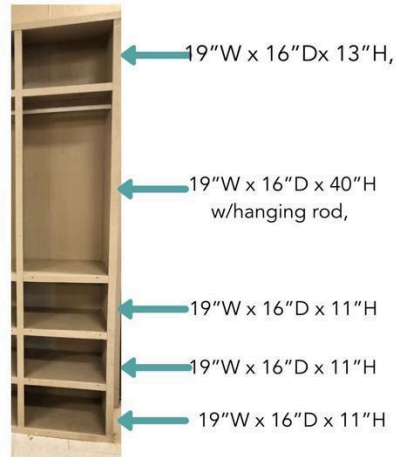
Over the years, we have heard a lot of packing advice from experienced parents. The following is a list of packing tips and **optional** items to consider. All links and items mentioned are just suggestions.

- **Plastic Drawers** Many families [use plastic drawers to pack their children's clothing](#) (this makes it easy for campers since they don't have to be unpacked!). They **MUST** be taped closed for easy transport. Plastic drawers can fit in the taller cubby space (check the drawer dimensions and reference the cubby dimensions to confirm) or at the end of camper bunk beds.
- **Hanging Shelves/Organizer** These help to utilize the larger cubby space and collapse for ease of packing
- **Bedside Caddy** A bedside caddy can be helpful for top bunk campers
- **Messy Night Clothes** Place Messy Night clothing in a ziplock bag, labeled as "Messy Night." These clothes will get so disgusting, so don't send anything you ever want to see again! If your child has an old pair of sneakers that can be thrown away, it is a good idea to place those in the bag, too.
- **Bath mat** Experienced parents highly recommend sending a small bath mat your camper can place next to their bed to wipe off feet before getting in bed.
- **Camera Suggestions** If your camper wants to bring a camera, experienced parents recommend an old digital camera you aren't using anymore, Instax Polaroid with enough film or a disposable camera. Make sure the camera is labeled, and don't send anything to fancy that could get broken or lost.
- **Rest Hour Activities** Many campers enjoy crossword puzzles, books, drawing paper/notebook, stickers, markers, a deck of cards, small card games, and friendship bracelet string, nail polish, etc. Don't go overboard, but a few of these items can be fun.
- **Book Light** for campers who enjoy reading before bed
- **Lap Desk** for writing letters during rest hour.
- **Hooks** These are super helpful for hanging wet towels and swimsuits, and can be hung on the front of the bunk bed.
- **Maccabiah Clothes** Maccabiah is our camp color war, and kids are split up into green, red, blue and yellow teams. You will not know what color team your camper will be on prior to camp, but campers will share with one another so everyone has the right color for their team. Some kids like to be sure and pack Green, red, blue, and yellow shirt/shorts/spirit items for Maccabiah
- **Mailing Labels** Pre-printed mailing labels/envelopes are helpful so your child can write to family and friends
- **Clock** Some kids like to have a clock for next to their bed
- **Extra Hand Soap** Some kids bring this for the cabin bathroom, though hand soap is provided
- **College t-shirts** These are always a popular item at camp!
- **The Dollar Store/Dollar General/Dollar Tree** These are cost-efficient sources for rest hour items, hooks, bathmats, shower caddy, etc.

## Camper Cabin Storage Space

Each camper will have a set of cubbies in the cabin and in the bathroom to store their belongings with the following dimensions:

Cabin Cubbies



Bathroom Cubbies



Many families send these **optional [plastic drawers](#)** which fit inside the cubbies or in front of bunk beds:



Some families also send these **optional [hanging closet organizers](#)**, which fit in the tall cubby space:



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clothing for your camper. Camp is primarily an outdoor setting where light-weight, comfortable clothing works best. High-heeled shoes, designer clothes and expensive jewelry are highly discouraged. Campers should not wear inappropriate attire including items that are:

- Intentionally tight
- Revealing
- Alcohol Ads
- Drugs Ads

If your camper is dressed inappropriately, they will be asked to change. Please help us by making sure all clothing sent to camp is appropriate, both for the weather and for our community.

### **SHABBAT ATTIRE**

One of the most special times at camp is our observance of Shabbat. In keeping with our tradition, we ask that our camp community dress in white tops and either white or khaki bottoms for Friday evenings.

### **LAUNDRY**

Campers should have enough clothing with them to last at least 10 days. Keep in mind summers in Mississippi are hot and your camper will likely wear more than one set of clothing per day. At least once every 10 days, cabins will have a scheduled laundry day. Our laundry staff will pick-up laundry bags from the cabins, wash and dry the contents, and return the clean clothes and linens at the end of the day. All laundry will be done in cold water. All clothes sent to camp should be marked with the child's **first and last name**. Returning lost and found items is much more efficient when items have a first and last name.

### **TOILETRIES**

Campers should bring enough personal toiletry items to last their entire session. If

your child runs out of something, you will receive a call from the camp office so you can send more. We will emergency items until your package arrives.

Campers usually have one smaller bucket or toiletry bag for their toothbrush, toothpaste and other sink items, and a waterproof bucket/caddy for shampoo, conditioner, soap and other shower items.

- We advise purchasing collapsible toiletries buckets that can be packed in your camper's luggage.
- We also recommend putting toiletry items in zip lock bags to avoid leaks during transport.

### **SPECIAL EQUIPMENT**

During the course of the session, your child will have many opportunities to learn and develop new skills. In almost all cases, the camp supplies the necessary equipment and supplies to participate. In particular instances where your wishes to bring his/her own special equipment, please be selective, and remember that the camp is not responsible for loss or damage of personal items.

### **NO PLUG-IN FANS**

Do not send plug-in fans to camp with your child. Fans are potentially serious hazards. The air conditioning system in each cabin keeps everyone cool during the day and cold at night.

### **ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

Please see our [electronic device policy](#) here.