



What You Need to Know: Outpost (Ages 12-15)

Difficulty Rating: 3/5, Wilderness Rating: 4/5

Focuses: Bushcraft skills, Timelessness, Innovation, Individual quiet times

Description

The Outpost Camp is a part of the Expeditions Program that takes place at and around a platform tent near the top of Spruce Mountain. Participants will live and adventure atop the mountain, spending most of their time learning outdoor bushcraft skills, playing games, doing crafts, and having quiet time with God. Occasionally they will hike down to camp for pool time, snack shop, and other activities. This camp is great for kids who like to try out new things, enjoy a small group setting, and prefer an evening around the campfire or stargazing to big group activities.

Dates

Sunday, June 14- Friday, June 19

Rate

\$509/camper

Getting to Camp

Parent drop-off at camp is from 3:15-4:30 PM on Sunday

We recommend arriving no later than 4 PM – bus arrives at 4 PM

[Driving Directions to Spruce Lake Summer Camp](#)

Leaving Camp

Dismissal is at 3:30 PM on Friday.

Bus Transportation (Bus Service Available on Friday only)

Stop 1: Franconia Mennonite Church in Telford, PA - [Directions](#)

\$25/trip

Returns at 5:30 PM on Friday – arrive 15-20 minutes early to sign out camper & collect luggage

Stop 2: William Penn Highway Park & Ride in Easton, PA - [Directions](#)

\$20/trip

Returns at 4:30 PM on Friday – arrive 15 minutes early. **Bus cannot wait**

See Pages 2&3 for a detailed list of What to Bring

Looking for more information?

[FAQs](#)

Helpful Link (3rd Party): [Dos and Don'ts of preparing for camp](#)



What to Bring

Because you are packing for a back country camping experience, **one very important concept is to have some non-cotton clothing items (where listed)**. Cotton becomes heavy, uncomfortable, and does not insulate when it is wet.

Remember, please label all clothing & personal items so that lost items can be returned to you!

- 1 sleeping bag and pillow
- 1 nylon poncho or appropriate rain gear (*avoid easily torn vinyl ponchos*)
- 1 day pack with shoulder straps (*school backpacks work fine*)
- 1-2 medium/large refillable water bottles
- T-shirts (*at least 2 being quick-drying T-shirts*)
- 2-3 pair quick-drying shorts (*example: nylon soccer shorts*)
- Undergarments
- 1-2 modest swimsuits
- 1-2 wool sweater or fleece jacket (*non-cotton insulating layer*)
- 1 sweatshirt
- 2-3 pairs of pants (**NOT** jeans)
- Hat with a brim
- Warm knit cap (*for warmth should it get chilly at night*)
- Warm pajamas
- Secure sport sandals, crocs with sport strap, or water shoes. (**No flip-flops**)
- Sneakers and/or hiking boots (*not crocs*)
- Toiletries (*toothbrush, deodorant, etc.*)
- Plate, Cup, Bowl, Utensils (*plastic or metal dishes*)
- A small Bible in a zip-lock bag
- Zip Lock baggies to waterproof anything you really want dry (*1 Gallon size best*)
- Flashlight or Headlamp with extra batteries
- \$15-\$25 Cash
- Towel (*quick-dry best*)
- Sunscreen (*SPF 15 or higher*)
- Chapstick
- Insect Protection
- Whistle on lanyard
- Folding pocketknife (*optional*)
- Bushcraft tools (*such as flint and steel, compass, etc. optional*)
- Book (*must be appropriate, optional*)
- Compact camera (*optional*)



Campers will have the opportunity to shower and change before heading home. Please make sure to pack:

- A clean set of clothes (*don't forget undergarments*)
- Soap and shampoo
- Towel
- Hairbrush

Some of these items may seem excessive for warm weather but the reality is wet, cold, and windy weather is possible and dangerous in any season. We might not use some of the above items, but we want to be prepared!

What Not to Bring

Cell phones/ electronics, Non-prescription Meds, Drugs/ Alcohol/ Tobacco, Dangle or hoop earrings, Spaghetti-strapped Tops, Bikini-style swimsuits, Mid-cut and short shirts, Personal sports equipment, Animals or Pets, Snack foods/ Candy, Weapons of any kind, Fireworks & combustibles

Because you are packing for a camping experience **it is important to avoid using cotton and denim clothing.** Cotton becomes heavy, uncomfortable, and does not insulate when it is wet.

Clothing Modesty

We encourage team members and campers to wear clothing that adheres to the modest standard described below. Please carefully look through your clothes to honor this request. In some cases we may ask you to change if the standard below is not met.

- Swimsuits should be modest and one-piece or a Tankini-only if the fabric fully overlaps (*no bikinis*).
- Shorts/pants should be suitable for recreation and not form-fitting or overly short (*fingertip length*).
- Shirts should be suitable for recreation and modest. Please do not pack form-fitting shirts or those that reveal stomach.
- Undergarments should not be visible (bra straps, no sheer tops/bottoms, low cut jeans, etc.)
- Tank Tops must pass all expectations for shirts and not have thin straps (2+ inches) or expose the back.
- Please do not bring clothing with wording or images contrary to the Christian principles of the camp.