

# BCWS Senior Program Equipment List

Please Label All Belongings

## Essentials

2 warm blankets  
4 cot sheets  
1 warm lightweight sleeping bag  
stuff sack for sleeping bag  
(students will carry their own  
bag for camp-outs)  
2 towels  
1 washcloth  
laundry bag  
comb and brush  
soap and dish  
shampoo  
toothbrush and toothpaste  
pajamas  
underwear (13 pairs)  
socks (13 pairs)  
10-13 t-shirts or other shirts  
2 warm sweaters or sweatshirts  
3-4 pairs of jeans or other long  
pants  
3-4 pairs of shorts  
2 bathing suits  
jacket or windbreaker  
rainwear  
1 pair of comfortable walking  
shoes or hiking boots  
1 pair old or second rate sneakers  
water bottle  
1 wool or fleece sweater (for  
camping out)\*  
1 wool or fleece hat (for camping  
out)\*  
flashlight

## Optional

pillow with 2 cases  
mattress pad  
binoculars (7x35)  
hand lens  
compass  
daypack  
field guides (available in  
bookstore)  
insulated pad (foam pad for  
sleeping on ground)  
photographic equipment  
insect repellent  
reading material  
1 slim notebook and pens or pencil  
frame backpack (especially for  
those planning to apply for  
backing trip)

## Do Not Bring

radio, tape player, electronic  
games, phones or other similar  
electronic devices  
candy, gum or other food  
hunting knife, firearms  
electric hair dryer  
motorized vehicles  
animals (except by special  
arrangement with director)  
money  
alcohol or illegal drugs\*\*

**\*Campers express skepticism about these items in summer, but we are quite serious in requiring them.**

**\*\* It is center policy that use or possession of alcohol or illegal drugs will result in immediate dismissal and forfeiture of tuition.**

Please exercise prudence in determining whether expensive/irreplaceable items should come to camp with your child. Although the campers are well supervised and we do maintain the dorms in good order, we CANNOT be responsible for lost items.

## **Equipment Rental**

Some outdoor gear can be rented at Hudson Trail Outfitters, EMS, REI, etc.

## **Bedding**

Campers may not bring one sleeping bag for both dormitory and sleep-out use. Bed linens (sheets, pillow and case, blankets, and a fresh change mid-session) may be rented from the center for \$50 per session. Please add this to your payment if you want this service.

## **Animals/Sports Equipment/Pocketknives**

Animals and sports equipment belonging to campers will be handled/used only under the supervision of staff in designated areas. Personal sports equipment must be checked in with the dorm supervisor (you won't be likely to bring any).

Pocketknives may be used only by senior campers who have demonstrated skill and understanding of the rules to the satisfaction of a staff member.

## **Bookstore**

The center operates a bookstore where students may obtain stamps, stationery, field guides, and tee shirts. Children will not need money as the charge (enough so that each child can select a variety of items) is included in the tuition. Please do not allow your child to bring money to the center, as it is entirely unnecessary.

## **Donations Accepted**

If you have outgrown backpacking equipment, such as frame packs, pads, sleeping bags, boots, fleece/wool sweaters and fleece/wool hats, please consider donating them to BCWS for use by campers who lack equipment. We also collect binoculars and quality reading, fiction or non-fiction, for 8-15 year-olds for our library.

## **Transportation**

Transportation is the responsibility of parents. We encourage you to car pool, and Michele McCabe can assist you in making plans. There is a place at the bottom of the transportation form to get assistance or offer a ride to others. Please sign and return the transportation permission form when you send your final payment to the office.

## **Visitors**

You are welcome to visit if we know in advance of your plans. Meals are available when you are visiting for a day or overnight at a cost of \$5 for lunch or dinner and \$2.50 for breakfast, half-price for a child under 5.

If your child is likely to be homesick, we recommend that you do not visit during the session or stay overnight on opening day, as these actions tend to worsen the condition!

## **Gratuities**

It is BCWS policy that we do not accept gratuities.