



# 2023 PACKING LIST

Check Out our [PACKING POINTERS](#)

## Required CLC-Branded Clothes

- 1 CLC [Sweatshirt](#) (any color)
- 2 White CLC [T-Shirts](#)
- 2 Hunter Green CLC [T-Shirts](#)
- 1 Pair White Shorts  
(Can be [CLC Logo](#), or SUBSTITUTE with plain White)
- 1 Pair Hunter Green Shorts  
(Can be [CLC Logo](#), or SUBSTITUTE with plain Hunter Green)

## Camp Gear (or "Camp Swag")

CLC works in partnership with [Everything Camper](#) for CLC-branded clothing. The items listed above as "CLC-BRANDED" can be found there. **Families will receive more detailed instructions for purchasing Everything Camper items, and to ask questions.** In the meantime, general questions about Camp Gear can be directed to [Ann](#). **WE RECOMMEND PLACING ORDERS by APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>**

[EverythingCamper.com/ChestnutLakeCamp](http://EverythingCamper.com/ChestnutLakeCamp)  
Everything Camper Direct: 917-243-9054

## Non-Uniform Apparel & Gear

- 14 T-Shirts/Tank Tops
- 2 Plain White T-Shirt (no logo)
- 2 Long Sleeve Shirts
- Tribal T-Shirts (any Green/White for returning campers, the Red one sent to first-timers for new campers)
- 3 Pairs of Pants (sweatpants, jeans, etc.)
- 14 Pairs of Shorts
- 3 Sweatshirts
- 20 Pairs of Underwear
- 18 Pairs of Socks
- 1-2 Sets of Warm Sleepwear
- 1-2 Sets of Light Sleepwear
- 2 Baseball Hats (CLC or non-logo)
- 2 Pairs of Sneakers (not Crocs)
- 1 Pair Rainboots/Waterproof Shoes for Rain (not Crocs)
- 1 Pair Hiking Shoes (optional)

## Waterfront Gear

- 5 Swimsuits (PLEASE READ "PACKING POINTERS")
- 1 Pair Flip-Flops/Pool Shoes
- Swim Goggles (optional)

## Special Apparel/Supplies

Our programming team will create some amazing special activities. These include our Tribal (Color War) experience, and other spirited traditions like Halloween, Square Dancing, and more. We will send more detailed suggestions before the summer, but a variety of costumes, spirit gear, and other fun stuff can be great for kids to have.

## Outerwear

- 1 Lightweight Jacket or Fleece
- 1 Rain Jacket or Poncho (hooded and waterproof)

## Bed & Bath Stuff

- 2 Blankets (1 comforter + 1 lightweight)
- 2 Fitted Cot Sheet Sets (fitted sheet + flat sheet + pillow case)
- 1 Standard Pillow
- 1 Shower Organizer
- 1 Laundry Bag
- 1 End-of-Bed Shoe Organizer (Velcro straps, sample [here](#))
- 1 Mesh Sock/Delicates Bag
- 1 Reusable Drinking Cup
- 3 Hand Towels (for face/handwashing)
- Hairbrush/Comb
- Soap/Body Wash
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Toothbrush + Toothpaste
- Shower Shoes/Flip-Flops (for bunk only)
- Bathrobe (optional)
- Washcloths (optional)
- Nail Clipper, Feminine Hygiene Products + Other Toiletries (optional)

## Additional Gear

- 1 Sleeping Bag (all campers)
- 1 Flashlight
- 2-3 Water Bottles (dishwasher-safe)
- Sunscreen + Lip Balm (multiple containers)
- Insect Repellent (multiple containers)
- Stationery + Stamps
- Pre-Addressed Envelopes/Labels + Pens/Pencils
- Books, Playing Cards & Non-Electronic Games (if your child is a "reader," send plenty to complement the lending libraries we have at camp – and remember that packages cannot be sent to camp)
- Battery-Powered Reading Light
- Drawstring Bag or Light Backpack
- Battery-Powered Fan
- Battery-Powered Clock (optional)
- Extra Batteries (for above items)
- "Tribal" Gear (for our Color War program, first-time campers will find out team at camp and we will provide a "Starter Kit")
- Extra Pair of Eyeglasses + Sport Straps (suggested for campers with glasses)
- Bedside Organizer (optional, sample [here](#))
- Music Player (optional, NO video/Wi-Fi, click for [Campfire](#) or [Mighty](#))
- Storage Container for Stuff (optional, 14.5" x 8.25" size maximum, sample [here](#))

- Clipboard with Holder/Case (optional)
- 1 Stuffed Animal (optional)
- Photos/Posters/Personal Items (optional, please send only removable adhesive products for attaching to walls in bunks)

## Specialty Gear (OPTIONAL)

All the necessary equipment for sports is provided by camp, but if campers want to bring their own equipment, these items are welcome (please note the update for "Mouth Guards"):

- 1-2 Mouth Guards (we recommend all campers bringing at least 1 to camp)
- Cleats for Baseball/Softball/Soccer
- Shin Guards for Soccer
- 2 Pairs of Socks for Soccer
- Tennis Racquet
- Baseball/Softball Glove
- Baseball/Softball Bat
- Hockey Stick/Equipment (please send bag)
- Gymnastics Leotard
- Lacrosse Stick
- Roller Blades + Blade Bag
- Golf Clubs
- Rock Climbing Shoes
- Musical Instruments
- Fishing Rod

## Packing & Shipping Supplies

- 1-2 Soft Trunks/Cargo Bags
- 1 Sport Duffel or Small Travel Bag/Backpack

## What Should Stay at Home?

- Clothing requiring special washing
- Open-Toe Shoes
- Valuable Jewelry or Personal Items
- Any device with the ability to connect to the internet (even if you've disabled Wi-Fi)
- Any type of device with a screen
- Folding Chairs
- Area Rugs/Carpet for Bunks
- "Egg Crate" Mattress Pads
- Chests of Drawers or Under-Bed Storage Bins
- **Anything that will make a camper or parent upset if it doesn't make it home.** 😊

## If It's Coming, LABEL It!

There is NO ITEM on this list that is fully protected against being misplaced. **Please take the time to make sure that everything coming to camp is labeled CLEARLY with a camper's name (last name and first initial, if possible).** CLC will share labeling options prior to the summer (like Label Daddy – click [here](#)), but a permanent marker works well.

**Need Help? Call us at 516-221-8800 or 866-621-CAMP any time!** 😊



# 2023 PACKING POINTERS

Please pay special attention to the following items on this year's packing list, as we have made a handful of adjustments to the list for 2023. 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 2 White Traditional Tees AND 2 Hunter Green Traditional Tees. 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.
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.** Full size or larger sheets will be too large.
6. **Having 2-3 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.
7. **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.
8. 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

In previous years, Chestnut has had a policy of requiring only one-piece bathing suits. After great thought and discussion (including with our campers), we have decided to alter this policy in 2023. Beginning this summer, we will allow 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 [Campfire](#) and [Mighty](#). 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) We may have some **special programs** – like Halloween, July 4<sup>th</sup>, Square Dancing – that can be more fun when campers bring some **special costumes/outfits.** We will share more about these events and recommendations prior to the summer. (3) One last time, **please remember that EVERYTHING coming to camp should be LABELED.**