This document describes equipment that the VYCC provides and outlines necessary and recommended items. Upon arrival, you will be issued:

- one 1-liter water bottle  
- one camp travel mug  
- one medium sized plastic food container  
- two VYCC uniform work shirts  
- one hard hat  
- one a pair of safety glasses  
- hearing protection  
- one pair of leather and nitrile-dipped work gloves

All of your clothing, gear, and supplies should fit into your large backpack and daypack.

There is limited use of cell phones on crews. Music players and other electronic devices are prohibited on crews and should not be brought. 

*VYCC does have items to lend on a first come, first serve basis.*

*Necessary Equipment:*

- **Boots:** ALL LEATHER, sturdy work or hiking style
  - Entire boot except laces and sole must be leather
  - Must fully and firmly cover the foot to and around the anklebone
  - Must be in good condition without splits, holes or tears
  - If you are unable to get boots, please contact us immediately
- **Sleeping bag:** synthetic shell with synthetic or down fill, no cotton bags
- **Sleeping pad:** closed cell-foam or air
- **Sturdy rain jacket & pants:** no ponchos (it will get dirty)
- **Headlamp with extra batteries**
- **Wristwatch with alarm function:** a cell phone is NOT acceptable for this use
- **Water bottles:** durable and able to hold at least 3 liters of water total (*Leaders: 4-5 liters*)
- **Daypack:** to hold all daily personal gear (water, lunch, rain gear, extra layers, WoRD Book, etc.)
  (*Leaders: allow for additional space for extra crew gear, ~30-40 liters*)
- **2-3 large plastic trash bags:** to keep things dry inside your pack
- **Backpacking Pack:** (see picture right) rigid external frame or internal frame, at least 60 L
- **Toiletries kit:** toothbrush, toothpaste, biodegradable soap/shampoo, feminine hygiene products, etc.
Necessary Clothing: (quantities are recommended) (cotton is not advised, when possible)

- 2 pairs full length durable work pants: (Carhartt, Dickies, Arborwear, Jeans, etc.)
  - no jeans/sweatpants/wind pants
- 3 t-shirts: polyester, synthetic or wool recommended
- 7 pairs of socks: polyester or wool
- 7 pairs of underwear: non-cotton recommended
- Additional footwear: Light sneakers or sandals
- Towel: quick drying recommended but not required

*When in the water, cooking, or outside project hours, everyone must wear footwear to prevent injury. For aquatic activities, we recommend Teva-like sandals with straps. Flip-flops are not acceptable. For cooking, we recommend using work boots.*

Optional Recommended Items:

- 1-2 non-project clothing: comfortable clothes to wear around camp or when off project, such as jeans, shorts, or hiking clothes
- 1-2 pairs of extra work gloves
  - 1 pair leather required, nitrile-dipped recommended for wet weather
- Pillow
- Sleeping Bag Liner (to keep you warm/cold)
- 1 or more additional medium plastic containers/Tupperware: to hold your lunch and snacks
- Bandana
- Boot oil/wax
- Dryer sheets
- Books, stamps, envelopes, pens, paper
- Light-weight long sleeve shirt: to protect from sun and insects
- Lip Balm
- Playing cards/packable games
- Musical instrument & sheet music
- Crazy Creek-type camp chair
- Fishing Tackle
- Camera
- Mosquito Head Net
- Hammock
- Gaiters
- Quick-dry pants (light hiking pants)

Notes on Acquiring Equipment:

- You do not need to spend a lot or any money on new gear!
- The equipment/gear we use in the field endures a variety of environmental/weather conditions.
- Search local exchanges and thrift stores for used equipment, or ask friends and family.
- Online retailers may have great deals on gear (REI, steepandcheap, Sierra Trading Post).
- Lenny’s Shoe & Apparel offers a 10% discount to VYCC employees.

If you are having trouble obtaining the necessary gear or have questions, please call our office at 802.434.3969.
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***Please note that the VYCC is not liable for any damaged, broken, or lost personal belongings/gear***