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## CONSERVATION CAMPING CREW GEAR LIST

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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.**

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**\*VYCC issues a solo tent to each Corps Member\***



### 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
- Swimsuit:** (if you want to get into the water)
- Sunscreen**
- Insect Repellent**
- Cold/Fall Weather Layers:**
  - **Warm jacket/coat**
  - **Thermal long underwear** (top & bottom)
  - **Gloves/Warm hat:** for at work or hanging around camp

\*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/cool*)
- 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\*\*\***