

Conservation Camping Crew Gear List

Welcome to the 2021 field season at VYCC! This document is designed to help leaders and members prepare for their season. We know that securing gear can be a daunting experience. However, we are here to help and this list is designed to help you stay safe and comfortable throughout your season.

Please know that you do not need to spend a lot or any money on new gear. We recommend that you search local exchanges and thrift stores for used equipment, or ask friends and family. The following online retailers are great for used gear: [PoshMark](#), [ebay](#), [OutdoorsGeek](#), [GearTrade](#), [REI Used Gear](#), and [Patagonia Worn Wear](#). Other sites like [The Clymb](#), [steepandcheap](#), and [Sierra Trading Post](#) offer good deals on new gear. Ensure that the gear you bring to VYCC will endure all environmental (dirt/mud) and weather conditions (rain, sleet, snow). If you are unable to secure certain pieces of gear, please let your hiring manager know and we will help you get what you need. We have a small cache of gear that can be loaned out for your season, but we need to know in advance.

VYCC Provides:

- Three VYCC uniform work shirts
- Required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) includes eye protection, both leather and gripped work gloves, and hearing protection
- Each person will be issued their own tent
- All group camping gear (stoves, coolers, utensils, first aid kit, etc.)
- COVID-19 related equipment (extra hand sanitizer, two-layer face masks, thermometers, etc.)

All of your gear, clothing, and supplies should fit into a large backpack/duffle and daypack. VYCC does have limited storage for items on our campus (these items will not be accessible while on project)

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
 - Why do you need all leather boots? Good question! VYCC crews work will all kinds of different tools, some of which are heavy and sharp. We want everyone to have proper foot protection in case a tool lands where it is not supposed to. Additionally, leather boots keep your feet dry which is very important.
- Two-layer face mask:** (Please bring at least two, no buffs/bandanas can be used as a face covering)
- Sleeping bag:** synthetic shell with synthetic or down fill, no cotton bags
- Sleeping pad:** designed to insulate you from the ground which keeps you warm and comfy, closed cell-foam or air (no yoga mats)
- Sturdy, waterproof rain jacket & rain pants:** no ponchos (it will get dirty)
- Headlamp with extra batteries**
- Battery Powered Watch with alarm function:** We cannot guarantee access to charging for smart phones/watches



- 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, ~20-40 liters (water, lunch, rain gear, extra layers, notebook, etc.) (*Leaders: allow for additional space for extra crew gear, ~30-40 liters*)
- Toiletries bag/kit:** toothbrush, toothpaste, soap/shampoo, menstrual hygiene products, glasses/contact lenses, comb/brush, etc.
- 1 or more [sturdy plastic container](#)/Tupperware** (*to hold your lunch and snacks*)

***A note on technology: There is limited use of cell phones on crews. We cannot guarantee the ability to charge any device. Please leave tablets and other electronic devices at home.**

Necessary Clothing: (*quantities are recommended; cotton is not advised*)

- 2 pairs full length durable work pants:** *Carhartt, Dickies, and Arborwear* are some brands to check out. Please no sweatpants, leggings, hiking pants, or wind pants (jeans are ok).
- 2 shirts:** polyester, synthetic or wool recommended for layering during the work day
- 5 pairs of socks:** polyester or wool
- 5 pairs of underwear:** non-cotton
- Cold Weather Layers:**
 - Warm jacket/coat/fleece
 - Thermal long underwear (top & bottom)
 - Gloves & Warm Hat (for work and camp)
- Additional footwear:** Light sneakers or sandals. Footwear is required in the water, while cooking, and around camp to prevent injury. For water activities we recommend *TEVA* or *Chaco* like sandals with straps, no flip-flops
- Swimsuit**
- Sunscreen**
- Insect Repellent**

Spring/Fall Crews

Please come prepared for cooler days and nights with potential sleet and snow. Extra layers that are quick drying and warm will be important.

Optional Recommended Items:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 non-work clothing: comfortable clothes to wear around camp or when off project, such as jeans, shorts, or hiking clothes <input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 pairs of extra work gloves <input type="checkbox"/> Travel or camp pillow <input type="checkbox"/> Travel or camp towel (<i>quick drying</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Bag Liner (<i>to keep you warm/cool</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Bandana <input type="checkbox"/> Boot oil/wax <input type="checkbox"/> Gaiters <input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 large trash bags (<i>good for wet or dirty clothes or to line a backpack</i>) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry Supplies (<i>detergent, dryer sheets</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Cash for laundry and coin-operated showers <input type="checkbox"/> Books, stamps, envelopes, pens, paper <input type="checkbox"/> Lip Balm <input type="checkbox"/> Playing cards/packable games/frisbee <input type="checkbox"/> Musical instrument <input type="checkbox"/> Small camp chair <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing pole and tackle <input type="checkbox"/> Camera <input type="checkbox"/> Mosquito Head Net <input type="checkbox"/> Hammock <input type="checkbox"/> Insulated mug/thermos |
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*****Please note that the VYCC is not liable for any damaged, broken, or lost personal belongings/gear*****