

# Packing for Camp

## **LABEL EVERYTHING WITH FIRST & LAST NAME**

All clothing, linens, equipment, and materials must have your child's **first and last name** marked clearly. You can use pre-made labels or a permanent marker. And we mean **EVERYTHING** (assume that any and every item that your child brings could be misplaced, and without their full name on it, it may never find its way back to them).

## **LUGGAGE/BAGGAGE**

Pack in a trunk, soft trunk, suitcase, or duffle bag – your choice. See the below text regarding which bunks allow portable plastic drawers. Unless you pack in plastic drawers (if your camper is living in a bunk where they are allowed), the luggage you pack in is not used to store your child's items all session. Rather, campers will need to unpack their belongings into cubbies that are provided to them.

## **DON'T SEND ANYTHING EXPENSIVE**

When packing, please remember that Camp Harlam is not responsible for personal effects that are damaged or lost. And also remember that **THIS IS CAMP**...other than having something appropriate for *Shabbat* (which is still informal/casual), there is no need to have "fancy" stuff at camp.

## **DON'T OVER-PACK**

Please use this list as your guide. The storage space we provide is adequate for what is on this list, but if you bring much more, it will prevent us from having enough room for everyone, including your child. We do laundry every week, and the number of each item needed does not change with the length of your child's session. Please supervise your child's packing to help make sure this is followed.

## **A COUPLE OF COMMONLY ASKED PACKING QUESTIONS**

### **What should I pack for *Shabbat*?**

On Friday night and Saturday morning, everyone at Camp Harlam wears white. On Friday night, most people wear nicer white shirts with khakis or jeans, a white shirt with a skirt, or a white dress. On Saturday, most people wear white t-shirts or tank tops with shorts. Campers and staff wear sneakers or sandals, sometimes a slightly nicer pair than other days, but no heels.

### **What about plastic drawers/storage containers?**

Some campers bring plastic drawers or under-the-bed storage containers for personal use. If you choose to purchase plastic drawers, please choose a set that are no higher than 3 feet and no wider than 2 feet, and only bring one set. This ensures that there will be enough room to move safely around the cabin. Under-the-bed containers should be no taller than 10-12 inches (beds may differ) and this is a shared space for campers sharing a bunk bed so please plan for having access to half the under-the-bed space. Cubby dimensions for all bunks will be shared prior to the summer.

As of 2018, we will have a total of 10 new cabins in Girls Camp. All have adequate storage and **no stand-alone plastic drawers are allowed** (plastic containers or baskets can be put in the cubbies themselves). **All female campers in Sharon, Kineret, and Arava will be living in new cabins.** Any families with campers in these bunks will be contacted prior to the summer with more specific instructions and details about the cabins.



**A Typical Bed at Camp**



**Fun Costumes for Rak Dan Israeli Dancing**

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## PACKING LIST

Label everything with your child's first and last name!

### LINENS

- 3 bath towels (to use for showering)
- 3 beach towels (for the pool or lake)
- 2 face towels (for hand and face washing)
- 2 wash cloths or a "loofah" (to use in the shower)
- 2 fitted sheets (twin size)
- 2 flat sheets
- 1-2 pillows
- 2-4 pillow cases
- 1 blanket or comforter (light to medium weight)
- 1 sleeping bag
- 1 laundry bag
- 1 small area rug (bath mat size)

### TOILETRIES

- Comb and/or brush
- Clips, hair bands
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Plastic drinking cup
- Soap and soap container or body wash for shower
- Shampoo
- Hair conditioner, gel, etc.
- Deodorant
- Q-tips
- Razor and shaving cream, if needed
- Nail clipper
- Pads and/or tampons, if needed
- Sun block (lots!)
- Insect repellent
- Tissues
- Caddy to store and carry toiletries

### CLOTHING

- 14 pairs of underwear
- Bras, if needed
- 18 pairs of socks
- 12 t-shirts or tank tops

- 3 long sleeve shirts
- 2 sweatshirts
- 1 light jacket
- 8 pairs of shorts
- 3 pairs of long pants
- 1 raincoat (must have a hood)
- 7 pairs of pajamas
- 2 nice *Shabbat* outfits (see box on previous page about *Shabbat*)
- 5 bathing suits (girls in Carmel through Arava – 2 must be athletic suits for instructional swim)
- Swimming goggles, if needed
- 1 hat (not a visor)
- 1 white t-shirt for tie dye

### SHOES

- 2 pairs of sneakers (for everyday wear, sports)
- 1 pair of sturdy shoes (for hiking and outdoor education activities)
- 1 pair of rain boots/waterproof shoes
- 1 pair of swimming shoes (to wear to the pool/stream hike)
- 1 pair of sandals/flip-flops

### OTHER IMPORTANT ITEMS

- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Backpack for trip day(s)
- Pens, pencils, stationery, envelopes, stamps
- Family addresses, printed labels, pre-addressed envelopes
- 2 sturdy refillable water bottles (item most commonly lost at camp – PLEASE LABEL!)

### THE "INSIDER" PACKING LIST

- Maccabiah (Color War) Items – *Intro Experience campers don't need these items*
  - 1 red, 1 gold, 1 blue, and 1 green t-shirt
  - Red, gold, blue, and green face paint, bandanas, beads, etc.
- Dress Up Costumes for Rak Dan Israeli Dancing (see photo on page 40), Theme Days, Unit Programs, & more! (*Rak Dan is a program for rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders and older.*)
- Extra white shirt for costume

### OPTIONAL ITEMS

- Kippah and/or Tallit*
- Playing cards, baseball cards, magic cards, etc.
- Battery-operated small fan
- Baseball mitt, tennis racket, shin guards, lacrosse stick, and any other personal sports equipment
- Soccer/baseball cleats
- Inexpensive digital camera or disposable camera
- Musical instrument
- Teddy bears, "blankies," etc.
- Books
- Mattress pad or egg crate
- A "dressier" outfit for the final night banquet
- Wristwatch
- Crazy Creek chair

### LEAVE AT HOME

- Clothing requiring special washing
- Shirts with inappropriate language or that advertise alcohol or drugs
- Shoes or sandals with heels
- "Heelys" (shoes with wheels)
- Water Guns
- Chewing gum, candy, all food
- Bottled Water
- Valuable Jewelry
- Any device with the ability to connect to the internet (even if you've disabled Wi-Fi)
- iPod/MP3 player with movies or video on it
- Cell phones of any kind
- Walkie-talkies
- Laptop Computers, iPads, portable DVD players, e-Readers
- Skateboards/Hoverboards
- Expensive Digital Cameras
- Apple Watch & Other Smart Watches
- VR Glasses
- **Plastic drawers if living in a new Girls Camp cabin**

See Harlam Dress Code in the Family Handbook for more info on clothing to leave at home.