

Packing for Camp

LABEL EVERYTHING WITH FIRST & LAST NAME

Everything that comes to camp with your child must have their **first and last name** marked clearly. 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). You can use pre-made labels or a permanent marker. You can order custom labels from Oliver's Labels by logging in to CampInTouch and clicking 'Camper Clothing Labels.'

LUGGAGE/BAGGAGE

Pack in a trunk, soft trunk, suitcase, or duffel 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. Also remember that **THIS IS CAMP...**other than having something appropriate for *Shabbat* (which is still informal/casual), there is no need for "fancy" stuff.

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 2019, we have all new cabins in Girls Camp. These bunks 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, Arava, and Galil will be living in new cabins. More specific instructions and details about the cabins will be shared with families with campers in these bunks.



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)
- 4 beach towels (for the pool or lake)
- 2 face towels (for hand & 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)
- Mattress pad or egg crate

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

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

- 3 long sleeve shirts
- 2 sweatshirts
- 1 light jacket
- 12 pairs of shorts
- 3 pairs of long pants
- 1 raincoat (must have a hood)
- 7 pairs of pajamas
- 2 nice *Shabbat* outfits for Friday night
- 2 white shirts for *Shabbat* morning (see box on previous page about *Shabbat*)
- 6 bathing suits (girls in Carmel through Kineret – 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, in-camp hikes)
- 1 pair of old sneakers or sport sandals with a back (like Tevas)
- 1 pair of rain boots/waterproof shoes
- 2 pairs of sandals/flip-flops (1 for in the bunk, 1 for outside the bunk)

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!)
- Battery-operated small fan

THE "INSIDER" PACKING LIST

- Maccabiah (Color War) 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 previous page), Unit Programs, & more! (*Rak Dan is a program for rising 6th graders and older.*)
- Extra white shirt for costume

OPTIONAL ITEMS

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

GALIL HIKE

Campers in Galil (rising 8th grade) should pack the following for their overnight hike:

- Athletic pants or leggings
- High socks (preferably not cotton)
- Hat (with visor)
- 1-liter water bottle
- Outdoor sleeping bag
- Hiking boot or sturdy shoe/sneakers

LEAVE AT HOME

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