Things to Bring for Students

Earthwarden Program

Dear Parent:

The following is a list of items that your child should bring on their trip to Deer Valley. Please pay particular attention to the items that should be left at home. Mark your child's name on all clothing and possessions with a permanent marker. New clothing is neither necessary nor suggested, as the majority of time will be spent outdoors. Please be sure that your child has enough clothing to keep warm and a **WATERPROOF RAINCOAT AND BOOTS to keep dry.**

We cannot begin to impress upon you the wide variety of weather conditions that we have encountered while at Deer Valley. *(How about rain, sleet, snow, hail, and sunshine all in the same 24-hour period?)* Please send your child prepared for these various types of weather conditions. Do not pack clothing according to the Pittsburgh weather forecast for your child's trip. It has been our experience that it is approximately ten degrees colder at Deer Valley than at home. You can log onto your favorite weather app or website and use the zip code *15540* for current and forecast weather conditions at Deer Valley.

CLOTHING:

- ❑ OLD jeans or pants (must be ankle-length!)
- ❑ Long-sleeve and/or short-sleeve shirts (depending on the weather)
- ❑ Sweaters or sweatshirts (hoodies work best)
- ❑ Socks (bring twice as many as you think you will need!)
- ❑ Underwear

*** Plan on dressing in layers so that additional clothing can be put on or taken off according to the weather! The difference in temperature from morning to afternoon at Deer Valley can be significant!**

OUTERWEAR:

- ❑ Jacket – lightweight, medium, and/or heavy (depending on the weather)
- ❑ **Raincoat or poncho – a MUST!** Ponchos are the most effective and least expensive option!
- ❑ Hat and gloves in case of cold weather (the mornings are often cold at Deer Valley!)
- ❑ At least two pairs of shoes and/or hiking boots. No dress boots! No open-toed shoes!

*** It is highly recommended that you waterproof your shoes/boots with a spray if they are not Gore-Tex or other type of waterproof material!**

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SLEEPING GEAR:

- ❑ Pajamas or other clothes to sleep in
- ❑ Pillow and pillow case
- ❑ Sleeping bag and/ or blanket and sheets

*** Cabins have both queen- size and twin-size beds. We recommend that you pack both twin and queen size sheets. There are a limited number of queen beds in these accommodations available on a first-come first-served basis.**

PERSONAL NEEDS:

- ❑ Shower shoes (flip-flops, Crocs™, etc.) to walk to the shower
- ❑ Bath towels and wash cloths
- ❑ Soap
- ❑ Shampoo
- ❑ Deodorant
- ❑ Hand soap for the bathroom
- ❑ Medications
- ❑ Hair brush
- ❑ Hair dryer
- ❑ Hair product
- ❑ Toothbrush and toothpaste
- ❑ Lip balm
- ❑ Sunscreen

MISCELLANEOUS:

- ❑ **Backpack – a MUST!**
- ❑ **Sit-upon – a MUST!** (something to "sit upon" instead of the wet, muddy ground! Should be light weight and easy to carry.)
- ❑ Pencils (at least 2 or 3)
- ❑ Pens (at least 2 or 3)
- ❑ Refillable water bottle
- ❑ Sunglasses
- ❑ Insect repellent
- ❑ Flashlight
- ❑ Alarm clock (or phone)
- ❑ Camera (or phone)
- ❑ Cell phone charger
- ❑ Garbage bags for dirty clothes
- ❑ Fishing rod and tackle (optional)
- ❑ Binoculars (optional)

LEAVE THE FOLLOWING AT HOME:

- Food, snacks, pop, etc.
- Entertainment electronics (TVs, video games, Nintendo Switch, VR headsets, etc.)
- Shorts (Students may ONLY wear them in their cabin.)
- School Chromebook (The students will NOT be permitted to use these at Deer Valley.)

Please make sure you secure a luggage tag with your name on each piece of luggage.