

APOGEE ADVENTURES

2023 Maine Coast Junior Packing List

Please find the packing list for our *Maine Coast Junior* (MCJ) trip below. As always, be in touch with any questions about the items on this list, where to find them, or packing questions.

Hiking Essentials

- ❑ **Sturdy, well-broken-in hiking boots or hiking shoes** (*not running or basketball shoes*)
- ❑ **Medium to large duffel bag** (*soft-sided, 90-120 liters – this will act as a storage locker. A hard-bottomed, rolling duffel is fine.*)
- ❑ **Day pack** (*25-35 liters / 1600-2200 cubic inches – most school backpacks fall in this range and work fine*)
- ❑ **Safety whistle with lanyard** (*to wear around your neck*) - *The whistle that is connected to many backpacks' sternum straps is not sufficient – you will need a separate whistle that can be carried with you at all times.*

Biking Essentials

- ❑ 1 Fitted bike helmet (*please read our [blog entry on helmets](#)*)

Clothing Essentials (Check out our [Gear Store](#) for Apogee-branded apparel and gear)

- ❑ 4-5 T-Shirts (*at least 2 should be synthetic/non cotton*)
- ❑ 3-4 Pairs of shorts (*synthetic - not heavy, cotton cargo shorts*)
- ❑ 6-8 Pairs of underwear
- ❑ 5-6 Pairs of socks (*synthetic or wool blend - Smartwool and Darn Tough are recommended brands*)
- ❑ 1 Long-sleeved wool or synthetic shirt
- ❑ 1 Wool or synthetic long underwear top and bottom (*medium weight, long sleeve – do not bring cotton*)
- ❑ 1 Medium weight fleece jacket, either zip or pullover
- ❑ 1 Waterproof shell jacket (*should be made of coated nylon, Gore-Tex, H2NO, or another wind- and waterproof material*) – *Note that **water resistant** is not **waterproof**; water resistant is insufficient.*
- ❑ 1 Pair of leggings or lightweight pants
- ❑ 1 Swimsuit
- ❑ 1 Fleece or wool hat
- ❑ 1 Pair of wool or synthetic mittens or gloves
- ❑ 1 Pair of lightweight sport sandals with heel strap for around camp, swimming, and kayaking (*Chacos and Teva are recommended brands*)
- ❑ 1 Pair of sneakers for around camp, community service, and exploring towns
- ❑ 1 Baseball cap or sun hat

Optional

- ❑ 1 Pair of pajamas (*a cotton t-shirt and boxer shorts work well*)
- ❑ 1 Pair of waterproof pants
- ❑ 1 Pair of lightweight casual pants

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Camping Essentials

- ❑ Synthetic sleeping bag (*30° temperature rating*)
- ❑ [Inflatable](#) or [closed-cell foam](#) sleeping pad – Closed-cell foam pad should be no larger than 1 ½" x 30" x 72" when unrolled (*Thermarest and Big Agnes are recommended brands*)
- ❑ 2 One-liter plastic or stainless-steel water bottles (*Nalgene is a recommended brand*)
- ❑ Tupperware/Rubbermaid/[plastic bowl](#) (6" to 8") with lid and cutlery (*will serve as a plate and bowl*)
- ❑ Small flashlight or headlamp with one set of extra batteries
- ❑ 5-6 Re-sealable plastic freezer bags (*One- to two-gallon size for keeping clothing or other items organized and dry*)
- ❑ 3-4 Large plastic garbage bags (*for keeping clothing or sleeping bag dry*)

Optional

- ❑ Backpacking chair (*Crazy Creek and Helinox are recommended brands*)
- ❑ Camping pillow (*inflatable or very compact – note that a sleeping bag stuff sack filled with clothes works well, too*)
- ❑ Travel mug

Personal Essentials

- ❑ 1 Two-ounce bottle of hand sanitizer
- ❑ Personal toiletry items (*toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, brush/comb, etc. – pack shampoos & conditioners in small travel-size bottles*)
- ❑ Small bath or camp towel
- ❑ Lip balm (*with sun protection*)
- ❑ Sunglasses with leash (*Croakies is a recommended brand*)
- ❑ Extra pair of glasses/contacts (*as applicable*)

Optional

- ❑ Sun block & insect repellent (*leaders will have group sun block and bug spray, but students are welcome to bring a small, personal bottle if they would prefer*)

Other Essentials

- ❑ Spending money (*\$25 to \$35 for the week*)

Optional

- ❑ Disposable or digital camera (*please do not plan to use a cell phone/smart phone as a camera*)
- ❑ Journal and pencil/pen
- ❑ Book for reading (*paperback recommended*)

Recommended stores and websites for good deals and selection on gear

- ❑ Eastern Mountain Sports (www.ems.com)
- ❑ REI (www.rei.com)
- ❑ LL Bean (www.llbean.com)
- ❑ Amazon (www.amazon.com)
- ❑ Other local outdoor gear co-ops or second hand stores (e.g. Goodwill)

Just as important as what your child packs, we also want to specifically address items your child *should not* bring with them to their Apogee experience. **Please do not pack the following:**

- ❑ **Smart watches, Kindles, video games, or other electronic devices.** A cell phone is permitted for students traveling to the trip start by airplane, bus, or train but must be handed over to leaders upon arrival. If a student brings a cell phone, Apogee is not responsible for its damage or loss under any circumstances. *Please see our “Electronics and Personal Property Policy” document for more information.*
- ❑ **Bulky cotton items like sweatpants or denim clothing such as jeans.** They are heavy, take a long time to dry when wet, and can be dangerous in cold weather. Synthetic clothing is much more practical. It wicks moisture away in hot conditions and keeps you cool. In cold, wet conditions it will keep you dry and warm.
- ❑ **Knives or multi-tools of any kind.**
- ❑ **More than is suggested on the packing list.** Through years of experience, we feel confident that we recommend sufficient gear and clothing while minimizing unnecessary items.

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Packing Instructions

PACKING INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Please label everything with your child's name
2. Please pack your child's belongings into the duffel. The trip leaders will oversee packing throughout the course of the trip.
3. This trip is van-supported - meaning that students will be transported from point to point in a van. Your child will keep their belongings in their duffel bag over the course of the trip.
4. **If your child is flying:**
 - Please pack the day pack with a change of clothes, any important medication, a water bottle, and your child's bike helmet. The backpack will act as their primary carry-on item on the plane.
 - Students should carry-on their sleeping bag (as a personal item). We ask this so that your child has something to sleep in if their bag does not arrive on time.
 - Students should wear their hiking boots for plane travel.
 - Everything else should be in the duffel and the duffel should be checked.