

APOGEE ADVENTURES

2025 Pacific Coast

Packing List

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

Please review our [Gear Recommendations](#) blog post with our more specific recommendations for many of the items on the packing list.

Pacific Coast participants will have the option of either renting a bicycle and panniers or bringing their own. Delineated below are both the rental package and the equipment requirements if you elect to bring your own bike and/or panniers. You will complete another form on CampMinder where you will make your bike/pannier rental election (this form will be available in mid-February).

Optional Bike Rental Package – \$460 (Does not include panniers, please see below)

- Bike (sized and tuned)
- Installed rear bicycle rack
- Water bottle cages
- Spare tubes
- Combination bike cable lock

Optional Pannier (Saddlebag) Rental – \$80 (Can be rented without the bike package)

Bicycle and Pannier Requirements (if not selecting the rental package)

Students bringing their own bicycles must have them professionally tuned before trip start

- ☐ Superior touring, hybrid, adventure, or gravel bicycle.
 - *Front and back wheels must each have at least 32 spokes.*
 - *Make sure the rear wheel has been properly “trued” by a bicycle mechanic before the trip start and is strong enough to support a rider and added weight over 600 miles.*
 - *Bicycle tires need to be between 700 x 32 to 700 x 40 mm in width.*
- ☐ Installed rear bicycle rack that connects to the frame at four points with strong vertical stays (not a rack attached to the seat)
- ☐ 3 Spare tubes that match your tire size
- ☐ 1-2 Water bottle cages
- ☐ 1 Combination bike cable lock
- ☐ 1 Pair of rear panniers (40-45 liters / 2400-2800 cubic inches combined)

If you have questions about the suitability of your child’s bicycle for Pacific Coast, please reach out to Kevin at kevin@apogeeadventures.com.

- Note that you are responsible for any repair costs associated with your child’s bicycle while they are on trip.

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Cycling Essentials (Regardless of Equipment Rental Election)

- ❑ 1 Bicycle helmet (*please read our [blog entry on helmets](#)*)
 - ❑ 1 Reflective triangle to wear while riding (*to be attached to the back of a riding shirt or hydration pack – must be ~6" tall*)
 - ❑ 1 Rear tail light (*to be attached to the back of the helmet – Apogee staff will help attach the tail light at the trip start*)
 - ❑ 3 Bungee cords between two and three feet in length
- Optional**
- ❑ Handlebar bag (*highly recommended; for easy access to sun block, camera, snacks etc.*)
 - ❑ Cycling gloves (*highly recommended*)
 - ❑ 1 Pair of clip-in pedals

Clothing Essentials

- ❑ 4-5 Pairs of underwear, 3-4 sports bras (*as necessary*)
 - ❑ 4-5 Pairs of socks (*synthetic recommended*)
 - ❑ 3 Riding shirts (*these should be synthetic, high-visibility t-shirts or high-visibility bicycle jerseys*)
 - ❑ 2 T-shirts for wearing around camp (*can be synthetic or cotton*)
 - ❑ 1 Long-sleeved synthetic shirt
 - ❑ 3 Pairs of padded cycling shorts
 - ❑ 3 Pairs of synthetic shorts (*not heavy cotton cargo or jean shorts*)
 - ❑ 1 Pair of leggings or lightweight, synthetic pants
 - ❑ 1 Wool or synthetic long underwear top and bottom (*medium weight, long sleeve*)
 - ❑ 1 Medium-weight, down or synthetic fill, packable, insulating jacket
 - ❑ 1 Waterproof shell jacket (*should be made of coated nylon, Gore-Tex, H2NO, or some other wind and waterproof material*) – Note that **water resistant** is not **waterproof**; water resistant is insufficient.
 - ❑ 1 Quick-drying swimsuit
 - ❑ 1 Pair of shoes for cycling (*running, all-terrain, tennis, or cycling specific shoes with cleats to match clip-in pedals*)
 - ❑ 1 Pair of sport sandals with heel strap for around camp and off-the-bike activities
 - ❑ 1 Winter hat, wool or synthetic
 - ❑ 1 Baseball cap or sun hat
- Optional**
- ❑ 1 Pair of pajamas (*a cotton t-shirt and boxer shorts work well*)
 - ❑ 1 Pair of full-fingered fleece/synthetic gloves

Camping Essentials

- ❑ 1 Synthetic, medium weight sleeping bag (*20° to 30° temperature rating - it should be compressible and weigh no more than 3.5 pounds*)
- ❑ 1 Waterproof compression/stuff sack for sleeping bag (*if sleeping bag comes in a non-waterproof compression stuff sack, a garbage bag can be used for waterproofing*)
- ❑ 1 Inflatable or closed-cell foam sleeping pad (*closed-cell foam pad should be no larger than 1 ½" x 30" x 72" when unrolled*)
- ❑ 1 Tupperware/Rubbermaid/plastic bowl (6" to 8") with lid and cutlery (*will serve as a plate and bowl*)
- ❑ 1 Headlamp with two sets of extra batteries
- ❑ 8-10 Re-sealable plastic freezer bags (*2-gallon size for keeping clothing or other items organized and dry*)
- ❑ 1 bicycle water bottle (21-25 oz.; *can be purchased at any bicycle shop*)

- ❑ 1 One-liter plastic water bottle
- ❑ One 2- to 3-liter water hydration pack (*keep it simple and stay away from packs with lots of pockets. The primary function of the pack is to hold water, not carry gear.*)

Optional

- ❑ Camping pillow (*inflatable or very compact – a sleeping bag stuff sack filled with clothes works, too*)
- ❑ Travel mug

Personal Essentials

- ❑ Travel-size bottle of hand sanitizer
- ❑ Personal toiletry items (*toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, brush/comb, etc. – pack shampoos & conditioners in small travel-size bottles. The toiletry bottles can be replenished during the trip*)
- ❑ Small bath, camp, or quick-dry towel
- ❑ Lip balm (*with sun protection*)
- ❑ Sunglasses with leash
- ❑ Extra pair of glasses/contacts (*if 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*)

Others Essentials

- ❑ Spending money for souvenirs, showers, and laundry (*we recommend no more than \$150 for the trip – trip leaders will designate appropriate times to use personal spending money. Please bring \$10 of the money in quarters for showers and laundry*)

Optional

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

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 or other electronic device, Apogee is not responsible for its damage or loss under any circumstances. *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. 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. In general, students will have an opportunity to do laundry once per week while on trip.

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Packing Instructions

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1. Please label everything with your child's name
2. Please pack your child's belongings into a large, soft-sided duffel (please do not use a hard-bottom, rolling duffel or suitcase). At the trip start, our leaders will help your child transfer their gear into their panniers (Apogee will supply any rental panniers at this time), and the duffel will be returned at the end of the trip. If you are curious about what the bike-packing process looks like at the trip start, check out our [bike-packing video](#).
3. All of our bike trips are self-supported, which means that students and their leaders will carry all of their personal items, along with Apogee-issued group gear (such as cooking gear and tents) on their bikes. For this reason, please stick to the equipment list and do not overpack. Again, leaders will thoroughly explain how to properly pack panniers at the start of the trip.
 - While this trip is self-supported, Apogee maintains a dedicated support staff member and vehicle for this trip to provide assistance in the event of medical or mechanical exigency. This vehicle does not, however, carry any personal or group equipment.
4. If you are not renting a bicycle, we will provide instructions on how and when to send your child's bicycle ahead of the trip.
5. **If your child is flying:**
 - Please pack a drawstring bag or sturdy plastic bag with your child's bike helmet, a change of clothes, any important medication, and a water bottle. This bag will act as their primary carry-on item on the plane. If your child is using cycling-specific shoes, these should also be carried-on.
 - 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. *Optional:* If you'd also like to carry on your sleeping pad, you can tape your sleeping pad and bag together (so that they only count as one carry-on item).
 - Everything else should be in the duffel and the duffel should be checked.