



EBERSOLE EXCURSION PACKING LIST

Rustic camping – hitting the trail with nothing more than life’s necessities on your back – is the quintessential camping adventure. To determine what you need to bring on a backpacking trip, think about how far you plan to hike, how remote the location is and what the weather forecast has in store. In general, the longer and/or more remote the hike is and the more inclement the weather, the more clothing, gear, food and water you are going to want. The checklist below will help take some of the guess work out of packing. Being prepared is the first step in having the best camping experience possible! Please note that all of our excursion activities will be outside – **rain, shine, sleet, or snow** – and the camping experience is much more enjoyable when campers are dressed and prepared for Michigan’s unpredictable weather. Plan ahead and understand that the weather conditions can change drastically even during short trips.

EXCURSION PACKING CHECKLIST

NOTE: We will provide the following equipment for all students and staff that are attending. This equipment will be returned to Ebersole at the end of the trip. If you have comparable equipment that you would like to use, please feel free to pack it (and make sure that it is LABELED).

NOTE: This is the gear that each camper will be required to bring to on the excursion. Footwear and socks will be the most important items, so please make sure your camper has quality footwear. Make sure you LABEL all of your personal belongings prior to arriving at camp.

GEAR PROVIDED FOR ALL CAMPERS BY EBERSOLE:

- Backpack (40-50L Internal Frame with Rain Cover)
- Backcountry Camping Tent (3-Person with Rain Fly)
- Sleeping Bag (needs to be 3-Season Weather-Rated)
- Sleeping Pad
- Daypack (Small pack to use for day trips from base)
- Backcountry Cooking Stove (with Fuel)
- Water-Filtration/Purification System
- Headlamp
- Camping Pots/Pans
- First Aid Kits
- Map and Compass
- Food Plate, Bowl, Cup, and Spork
- Tarp (to be used as Tent Footprint)
- Camping Food and Snacks
- Hiking Socks (2-Pair ... *these will not be returned*)
- Fire Starting Kits
- Tent/Sleeping Bag Repair Kits

GEAR FOR ALL CAMPERS TO BRING:

- Hiking or Tennis Shoes (Quality Shoe, Closed Toed)
- Athletic Socks (4-Pair, at least crew length)
- Rain Jacket or Poncho
- Sunscreen and Bug Spray
- Toiletries (toothbrush, paste, deodorant, soap, etc.)
- Washcloth and Towel
- Medications (if needed)
- Books, Journal, and/or Camera (if desired)
- Water Bottle
- Playing Cards/Card Games (if desired)
- Bathing Suit (and beach shoes or sandals if desired)
- Pants/Shorts (2-Pair of each, should be light)
- Shirts (short/long-sleeves 5 or 6 total)
- Hoodie and Jacket (one of each)
- Undergarments (5 or 6 total)
- Hats and Sunglasses (as needed)
- \$25.00 Cash (for incidentals, souvenirs, and lunch)

A Special Note about Cell Phones and Electronic Devices: We strive to make camp a place for slowing down, “unplugging” from our devices, and for being more fully engaged with those around us. As such, campers are usually not allowed to have cell phones or other electronic devices at camp. While it may seem counter-intuitive, we have found that campers who bring cell phones have a harder time adjusting at camp and can have more difficulty with homesickness. Many of the places we will visit will not have cell phone service, or power to charge phones. However, if you would like your camper to have a phone for traveling purposes we will gladly keep it safely locked in our vehicles throughout the duration of our trip.