THE OUTDOOR EDUCATION GROUP HIKE & WATER CHECKLIST (4 day journey)

HANDY HINTS:

- All equipment and clothing should be compact and lightweight
- Choose clothing materials which are quick drying (synthetic materials). Cotton doesn't retain body heat if wet and takes a long time to dry.
- The layer principal for clothing is important, dress in a number of thin layers rather than a couple of bulky layers.
- Space is limited, you carry everything on your back. Only bring the essentials we have listed. * NO AEROSOLS NO NUTS*

Clothing

Quantity	Item		Check
1	Sturdy walking shoes	Used during the activities. Runners are fine, should have good grip	
1	Comfortable shoes for around camp	Must be closed toe, no thongs or slippers	
1	Shoes for water activities	Old runners are great. Must be fastened to foot and closed toe. No crocs.	
1 per day	Socks	Thick "Explorer" type socks are highly recommended	
1 per day	Underwear		
1	Thermals	Wool or Synthetic to retain body heat even if they get wet (Not cotton)	
2	Long pants	Synthetic are best, zip off cargo pants are useful. No jeans, as they won't dry if wet	
2	Lightweight Shorts	No short shorts as they don't protect your legs when walking through the bush	
1	Water Top & Shorts	Quick dry are best (rash vest and boardies) you can wear bathers underneath	
2	Long Sleeved Shirts with collar	Synthetic and lightweight	
2	Short Sleeved Top with collar	Sports shirts are great	
2	Fleece or Wool jumper/jacket	Go for warmth not fashion	
1	Sun Hat	Broad brim for sun protection	
1	PJ's	Best to be a pair of shorts & shirt you have already packed to minimize the amount of clothing	

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Equipment

Quantity	Item		Check
1	Sleeping Bag	Synthetic or Down filling. Comfort rating to ZERO degrees or below. Make sure you practice stuffing the sleeping bag into the case	
1	Sleeping Bag Liner	Can add warmth and keeps the inside of your sleeping bag cleaner	
1	Pillowcase	To stuff clothing into for a pillow	
5	Orange "Multix" Brand Garbage Bags	For waterproofing	
3	Green or black garbage bags	For garbage/dirty clothes	
1	Strong fork & spoon ONLY		
1	Strong plastic bowl and mug	Your will be cooking outside in small groups	
2	Tea towel	To dry your eating equipment	
1	Cleaning sponge	For cleaning your eating equipment	
2	"Scotchbrite" Green Scourers		
1	Chux cloth		
3	Large Snaplock Bags	To put lunch in	
1	Head torch and spare batteries	LED head torch are brighter and lightweight. Red light is best for nighttime	
1	Sunglasses (old)	With neck strap- sunglasses do sink!	
1	Whistle (on cord)	Orange Emergency whistles are great	
1	Matches in waterproof container	Extra Long work best	
1	Trail Mix (no nuts)	e.g. Dried fruit, smarties, seeds, pretzels. Portioned into individual days is useful	
3	Water bottles	minimum 1 litre capacity each bottle	
1	Lunch for Day 1 – No nuts	Lunch will be had in the bush- limit packaging as you will carry all garbage with you	

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Personal Items

Quantity	Item		Check
1	Roll of toilet paper	Double bagged in two snaplock bags	
1	Toothbrush & paste, soap, deodorant (no aerosols)	Non-electric toothbrush	
1	Personal 1st aid kit	e.g. bandaids (for cuts or blisters), roller bandage/ strapping tape if you require it	
1	Insect Repellent	Repellent (20% DEET is good) no aerosols- roll on or cream	
1	Small towel or chamois		
1	Sunscreen, zinc, lip balm	30+ SPF	
1	Labelled personal medications	To be given to teachers with instructions	
1	Feminine hygiene – pads & tampons and handwipes	Waterproof in a snaplock bag	

Optional:	OEG will provide the following:	
 Warm Gloves Down Jacket or Vest Camera (in two plastic bags) Diary/journal for writing (including a pen) Book to read 	 Tents and Tarp and sleeping mat Water proof pants and jacket Gaiters (lower leg protection for hiking) Lightweight stoves and Fuel Maps and Compasses All specialist safety equipment Group first aid kit Backpacks Food 	