THE OUTDOOR EDUCATION GROUP

Hike & Water Checklist

HANDY HINTS:

- All equipment and clothing should be compact, lightweight and quick drying (lightweight sports / hiking clothes are great)
- Don't bring cotton clothing (or jeans). These materials don't retain body heat if wet (especially in cold climates) 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. Only bring the essentials we have listed. * NO AEROSOLS *NO NUTS or foods containing nuts *(OEG is a Nut free provider)
- Check the weather forecast a few days before coming on program, especially the night-time temperature. Pack accordingly.
- OEG in partnership with Australian outdoor brand One Planet have great discounts on outdoor clothing & equipment you can buy for this program. Access to website is at the bottom of your school portal home page under 'One Plant Gear' or here <u>Products Camplist</u>. You can even get the items home delivered!

Clothing

| Quantity | Item | | Check |
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| 1 | Sturdy shoes for hiking | Should be worn in and have good grip, preferable with ankle support | |
| 1 | Shoes for water activities | Old runners are great. Must be fastened to foot and closed toe. No crocs. | |
| 1 per day | Socks | "Explorer" type socks are highly recommended. Longer socks protect your legs while bush walking | |
| 1 per day | Underwear | | |
| 1 | Thermals | Wool or Synthetic to retain body heat even if they get wet (Not cotton) | |
| 1 | Long pants | Synthetic are best, zip off cargo pants are very useful. No jeans, as they won't dry and are heavy | |
| 1 | Lightweight Shorts | No short shorts. Knee length shorts are best for sun protection | |
| 1 | Water Top & Shorts | Quick dry (rash vest and knee length boardies for sun protection). You can wear bathers underneath | |
| 1 | Long Sleeved Shirts with collar | Synthetic and lightweight for sun protection & protects arms when walking in the bush | |
| 1 | Short Sleeved Shirts with collar | Quick dry sport shirts are great | |
| 1 | Fleece or Wool jumper/jacket | Go for warmth not fashion | |
| 1 | Sun Hat | Broad brim for sun protection, ideally with a chin strap. | |
| Optional | Pyjamas | Best to be shorts & shirt you have already packed to minimise clothes | |

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Equipment

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| 1 | Sleeping Bag | Synthetic or Down filling. Comfort rating to ZERO degrees Celius or below. Make sure you practice stuffing the sleeping bag into its case before you come on program! | |
| 1 | Pillowcase | To stuff clothing into for a pillow | |
| 1 | Green / black garbage bags (not orange) | For dirty/ wet clothes | |
| 1 | Strong fork & spoon ONLY | You will pack these into your hike pack so they need to be durable | |
| 1 | Strong plastic/metal bowl and mug | You will be cooking dinner outside and will be carrying these items in your pack | |
| 1 | Tea towel | For drying your eating equipment | |
| 1 | Cleaning sponge | For cleaning your personal eating equipment | |
| 1 | Steel wool scourers | For cleaning your cooking equipment. E.g.Steelo or Jex soap pads | |
| 1 | Head torch and spare batteries | LED globes are brighter and lightweight. Red light is best at night. Bring spare batteries! | |
| 1 | Sunglasses (old) | With strap (as sunglasses do sink!) | |
| 1 | Whistle (on cord) | Must be pealess (no little ball inside). If the ball gets wet, it doesn't make any sound. | |
| Food | | | • |

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| 3 | Water bottles | Minimal 1 litre capacity each bottle (you will pack each bottle in different parts of your hike pack to balance the weight) | |
| | Trail Mix (no nuts) | e.g. Dried fruit, smarties, seeds, pretzels. Portioned into individual days is useful. No nuts. | |

Personal Items

| Quantity | Item | | Check |
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| 1 | Roll of toilet paper | Double bagged in two snap lock bags | |
| 1 | Toothbrush & paste, soap, deodorant | Non-electric toothbrush. Roll on deodorant only *no aerosols* | |

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| 1 | Personal 1st aid supplies (for medication- see below) | e.g. bandaids (for cuts or blisters), roller bandage/ strapping tape if you require it. Waterproof in snap lock bag. | |
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| 1 | Sunscreen, zinc, lip balm | SPF 30+ and above | |
| 1 | Insect Repellent | Repellent (20% DEET is good) Roll on or cream are preferred. No aerosols | |
| 1 | Small towel or chamois | | |
| | Labelled personal medications (in original packaging) | To be given to teachers with a note from parents/ doctor regarding administration. This includes over the counter medications such as paracetamol, ibuprofen etc. | |

| Optional: | OEG will provide the following: |
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| Warm Gloves- great for cold mornings Beanie- Great for night-time Down jacket or vest Camera (in two plastic bags- no mobile phones) Diary/journal for writing (including a pen) Book to read Do Not Bring: Any items that are against normal school rules Electronics /phones | Tents/tarps and sleeping mat Waterproof 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 Activity Equipment |