



# Youth Corps Camping Gear Packing List

NYC/ICC provides a variety of gear including communal tents, first aid kit, rain gear, cookware, hand tools, and hard hats. This list is what you will **need** to pack to equip yourself for a successful, safe and comfortable experience. Remember that space in your pack/duffle bag is limited!

**If you need to purchase any gear through NYC/ICC please let us know as soon as you are accepted into a program. We have limited amounts of gear and sizes available for purchase each year.**

**Work Boots:** We require boots that are **all or mostly leather and are 7 inches tall** for ankle protection, see examples below. The heel of the boot does not count and only the leather upper will count for the 7 inches. Boots should also have aggressive tread pattern on soles for good traction. You may be able to find this type of work boot at secondhand stores, farm/feed stores, Cabela's, sporting goods and retail stores.

**Break your new boots in** by wearing them before your session starts to help reduce discomfort and blisters. **If boots do not meet NYC/ICC standards, you will be required to purchase boots from us.** The boots sold at NYC/ICC are \$75.00 and can be paid for by stipend draw.

**Boots allowed:**



**Boots not allowed:**



**NOTE: If you are working in the BLP, Spring, Fall, or Idaho Conservation Corps programs, bring enough warm clothing as the weather is colder and wetter in those program areas. Non-cotton clothing articles work best.**

**YOU PROVIDE:**

**Gear**

- Sleeping bag – synthetic backpacking-style is best, rated to **at least** 20 degrees.
- Sleeping pad – a must to insulate and keep you dry. Closed cell foam or inflatable (at your own risk).
- Water Bottles– 3–4-liter capacity. (recycled Juice or Gatorade type bottles work great!)
- Headlamp or flashlight with **extra** batteries. Rechargeable headlamps are not recommended.
- Wristwatch and/or alarm clock – separate from your cell phone.
- Personal Toiletries (Nail Clippers, toothbrush, toothpaste, baby wipes, mini soap and shampoo ...what you use to stay clean –unscented)
- Towel and washcloth – Remember space is limited, so no giant beach towels please.
- Day pack – Regular “school” backpack works fine. Used to carry your water and layers to the work site.
- Work Gloves - 2 pairs. One pair of leather gloves is required.

## **Clothing**

- **Two Work Shirts** – These shirts can be purchased online or by a stipend draw for \$14 each unless participants have them from a previous session/friend or family.
- Work pants- 2 pairs- Something you can move around in comfortably but can also withstand wear and tear. Thick, loose fitting jeans work great – Carhartts, Levis, Dickies, etc. No visible holes will be allowed; neatly patched pants are okay.
- Belt - To keep a professional appearance work shirts will be tucked in.
- Socks- 6-8 pairs in varied thickness – Wool or Synthetic fibers work best. Liner socks help prevent blisters.
- Underwear – enough for 9 days in a row of camping
- Long underwear or base layer- Top and bottom- we suggest wool or synthetic
- Warm beanie style hat and gloves
- Mid layer jacket, fleece, or sweater
- Warm jacket – wool or synthetic.
- **Closed toe and heel camp shoes** (no Keens/Chacos) – Open toed shoes are not permitted at camp.
- **Water shoes**- Shoes are required when entering water and should be worn when using public showers
- Comfortable clothing to sleep in and wear at camp - Clothing may **not** promote drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products.
- Cloth Masks- ICC/NYC can provide masks if needed, but bringing your own cloth masks help reduce waste

## **Optional**

- Large Backpacking pack or duffle to keep all personal gear in. NYC/ICC has some available to borrow.
- Musical Instruments (consider limited available space and weight. We are not responsible for and damage that might occur as well.)
- Reading material, Games, Cards, Journal
- Multitool/pocket knife (knives over 4 inches are not allowed, leaders reserve the right to confiscate if necessary)
- Bandanas – a great multi-purpose item!

## **DO NOT BRING:**

- Cosmetics/ Hairspray/Cologne, ect. Highly scented lotion may attract unwanted bugs/animals.
- Electronics - Phones are encouraged to travel to with, but we will collect them and store them at the office.
- First Aid Kits – Provided by ICC/NYC
- Personal stoves, sleeping cots, other specialized camping gear
- Trekking poles- our hands will be holding tools!
- Drugs, alcohol, firearms, fireworks

We encourage you **not** to bring anything of great value; monetary or sentimental. Gear will get worn, ripped, torn, wet, bleached, burned, lost, stained, smelly, and subjected to a world of dirt. A \$7 wool holiday sweater from goodwill may be a better choice than this year's \$200 compression jacket. A \$10 military surplus sleeping pad may be better than an expensive inflatable one. Thrift stores, army surplus, or the clearance rack are your friends when looking for gear.

*Test your gear:* If you have time, take your gear out for an adventure. Break in your boots. See if your sleeping bag and pad keep you warm and comfy at night. Can you comfortably squat and hike in your work pants?

*Layering:* Wearing multiple layers is the best strategy for staying warm throughout the day. It will be cold when we wake up in the morning, then get warmer as the sun rises while we move around, and then slowly get colder in the evenings. Being able to add or take off a layer as you go will be better than one bulky coat that you have to either wear or truck around. Rain gear and long underwear can make great layers for warmth.

*Multipurpose items:* Your workday water bottle can also serve as an evening hot water bottle. A sweatshirt can double as a pillow. An inside-out work shirt can double as a laundry bag. A digital watch can also be an alarm clock. If you keep this in mind when packing, you will have less to worry about when in the field.

**Please let us know ASAP if you have any questions. Some gear may be available for purchase through NYC/ICC, Email [info@nwyouthcorps.org](mailto:info@nwyouthcorps.org)**