



# YouthCorps Gear Packing List

NYC provides for each member tents, transportation, duffel bags, packing back-packs, rain gear, cookware, hand tools, and hard hats. This list is what you will need to pack to equip you for a successful experience and remember that space in your pack is limited. Please call 541.349.5055 if you have questions.

*For more details watch our Gear Packing Video at [nwyouthcorps.org/packinglist](http://nwyouthcorps.org/packinglist)*

**Boots:** Work boots must meet the following specifications:

1. **All Leather & No Steel Toe**
2. **At Least Seven inches from the top of the heel, to the top of the boot.**
3. Medium weight and stiffness with firm toes and good laces.
4. Lug Soles or other traction soles for working in steep, muddy conditions.

You can find this type of work boot at Wal-Mart, K-Mart, or most retail stores. A good pair of boots might be expensive, but consider them an investment that will pay off over years

**Break your new boots in** by wearing them before your session starts.

**You will not be allowed to work without a pair of boots in good condition.**



If boots do not meet NYC standards, you will be required to purchase boots from NYC. The boots sold at NYC are \$65.00, and can either be paid for by cash, or draw. Please ensure that you meet all boot requirements, as to guarantee that you don't have to spend more money on personal equipment

**NOTE: If you are working in the BLP, Spring, Fall, or East programs, be sure to bring enough warm clothing as the weather is colder and wetter in the areas where you will be working. Non-cotton clothing articles work best.**

## Mandatory:

**Work Shirts** —Two Brown NYC issued long sleeved work shirts will be required. These shirts must be purchased from NYC for \$14 each unless participants have them from a previous session. These shirts must be in good condition and free of rips or participants will be required to replace them.

**Coat for Work** — A loose-fitting (shell) jacket large enough to wear over other clothes.

**Fleece or sweater** – Heavy, long sleeve top that can be worn under a coat for additional warmth. No cotton

**Pants** — Three pairs of work pants (Levi's, Carhartt, and wool pants are good). They should be loose fitting, but not baggy. **Any pants with holes or patches are unacceptable.**

**Shorts** – One pair for wearing around camp, weekends, or swading

**Long Johns and Warm Hat** –Look for polypropylene, wool, or other synthetic. No Cotton .

**Underwear** – Enough to last a week between trips to the laundry mat.

**Socks** – Minimum 3 pairs of lightweight socks, and three pairs of heavy socks. **(Six pairs total)** Wool or synthetic fibers works best. At least 3 pairs need to not be cotton!

**Shoes for Camp** – These can be lightweight shoes, with no open toes, or open heels. It must fully cover the entire foot. **No Keens, Teva, or Five Finger Shoes.**

**Showering / Swading Shoes** – sandals or water shoes with straps to wear in the water that dry quickly

**Work Gloves** —Two pairs of **Leather** work gloves. Leather is the industry standard work glove for the type of projects you'll be completing here at NYC.

**Sleeping Bag** — You will need a sleeping bag that is warm, lightweight, and compact. Your bag must be made with synthetic fibers that will dry quickly. **Cotton bags are not acceptable.** The sleeping bag should be rated to withstand temperatures down to 20 degrees for summer sessions and lower for fall and spring.

**Closed Foam Sleeping Pad** — Ensolite or blue foam works well, is inexpensive, and available in most stores. Do not bring a blow-up pad.

**Flashlight or Headlamp & Batteries** — for camp evenings.

**Water Bottle** – Bring at least a 32oz water bottle.

**Body Soap & Shampoo**

**Toothbrush & Toothpaste**

**Towel & Washcloth**

**Alarm Clock or Watch**

**Sunscreen and Insect Repellent**

**Optional, but Recommended**

**Calling Card** – These can be used on the weekends when the Corpsmembers make store stops to call home. The Corpsmembers will not have access to their cell phones throughout the session, so calling cards are recommended to replace that need.

**Day Pack** — Your school pack is fine.

**Moleskin or Mole Foam** — This will give you relief from foot blisters.

**Nylon Cord** — 25–30 feet of thin cord.

**Small folding pocket knife or multi-tool** – NYC policy is that NO knife is to have a blade longer than 4". No Axe Blades or Hatchets allowed.

**Cash** - While some cash will be needed to accommodate laundry and showers (about \$10 per week) we suggest you limit the amount of cash on hand. **An ATM or Debit card is a much better way to have secure access to funds.**

**Paper, pen, envelopes & stamps**

**Camera**

**Waterproof case for important stuff**

**Acoustic instruments**

**Compass or compact binoculars**

**Sewing kit**

**Band-Aids & first aid kit**

**Cards, small games, books**

**Not Permissible**

**Electronics** — Please do not bring electronic devices such as **cell phones**, hand held electronic games or music devices that require the use of headphones. These items separate the individual from the team, are a distraction to the group, and in some ways can become a safety hazard by distracting your attention from your surroundings.

**Pillows** — We need to conserve space and this is an easy way to do so. Your coat, or clothes placed in your sleeping bag stuff sack will suffice.

**Advertising** — In order to promote a drug free environment we ask that you do not bring any items that promote drugs, alcohol or tobacco products. You will be asked to remove items such as duffel bags, day packs, coats or shirts that display these ads. Minimal storage is available and in most instances we will request these items be sent home.

**Cosmetics** — Hairspray, perfume, cologne, make-up, lip stick, hair dryers and other grooming items will not be needed. Limited space and time to apply these items on a regular basis will be extremely limited. Besides, if it smells good to you it might smell good to rodents or other animals and we don't want these items stored in a tent.

**Snacks** — don't bring excessive amounts of snacks. You will have the ability to stop at gas stations and stores throughout the session (except possibly BLP crews). Again, space is limited and of course we do not want these items stored in tents and encourage animal intrusions.

**Firearms/Weapon**

**Fireworks**

**Drug/Alcohol Related Paraphernalia**