

OBSERVER CAMP at HWBC

GEAR LIST & GENERAL INFORMATION SHEET

Note: Campers should report to camp between 2:00 & 4:00 on SUNDAY afternoon. Pick-up is on Saturday at 10:00 AM.

Observer's will be sleeping in tents (2 nights out of camp), and cooking one meal a day outdoors

CLOTHING GEAR:

Pants- Shorts- Socks- Underwear- Long Sleeve Shirt, Short Sleeve Shirts- Pajamas- Sweatshirt or Jacket- Poncho/rain gear- Swimsuit - Water shoes (recommended)- Sneakers- Hiking Boots.

FOR CAVING: One additional long sleeve shirt or sweatshirt- Pants (with no holes in the knees and no sweatpants)- Old sneakers with tread (no slick soles)- Small flashlight with working batteries and extras. Caving clothes will get muddy and will not be usable for other camp activities and they may not be salvagable once home.

OTHER GEAR:

- A completed, camp health form signed by a physician
 - Framed backpack with padded strap** - Lightweight Sleeping Bag in a stuff sack- A sheet for sleeping in hot weather) - Pillow
 - Small Flashlight, with extra batteries- Mess Kit (unbreakable cup, bowl, plate, utensils in a zip-lock bag is fine)
 - Small Bible- Pencil/Pen- Paper/envelopes/stamps
 - 2 thin bath size towels- washcloth- toiletries (toothbrush & travel size toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, soap, etc.) -Dirty Clothes Bag - Sunscreen- Cap- Water Bottle or Canteen (with carrier or clip-on holder)- Day Pack (like a small, old school pack or a hip pack), pocket knife.
 - Medicines (to be dispensed by Health Attendant)
- ** Borrow a backpack, if necessary or call camp to secure use of a camp backpack.

OPTIONAL GEAR:

Tent w/ground clothe, Bug net- Camera- Tee shirt for swimming to prevent sunburn- Bug spray- Walking stick-Bandana

Note: Anything with a strong fragrance will attract bugs, but a strong body odor will offend cabin mates. Please try and find some basic (preferably biodegradable) toiletries.

We recommend labeling all your child's belongings and securely enclosing a list of those items in your child's luggage for him to refer to when packing up at the end of camp.

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

Electronic games, or music, etc., alcohol, tobacco, knives (other than pocket type)

THE CAMP STORE:

Is open daily for campers. All campers bank their money with the registrar. Any unspent money is returned at check-out. Several souvenir items are available at the camp store. Some include: Camp Tee Shirts- Youth & Adult size, HWBC caps and bandanas, disposable cameras, flashlights, batteries, ponchos, pencils, toothbrushes, candy and snacks, etc.

Mail is an important part of camp. We recommend 2-3 pieces of mail. The first should be sent 2-3 days prior to the first day of camp.

*****NOTE*****

New mail policy: Only one mail item per day per household address will be counted towards daily mail accumulation.

(Camp tradition holds that if a camper or staff receives 3 or more pieces of mail in a day he must run a lap around the building for each additional piece!)

To write to your son at camp, the address is:

Camper Name
Hemlock Wilderness Brigade Camp
Wardensville, W.VA. 26851