



Equipment List: Denali Detectives

Denali Discovery Camp

It is vital that all participants bring the proper equipment each day in order to ensure a safe and comfortable week. Please let us know as soon as possible if you need any of the following items, either for daily outings or for the Thursday night campout, so we can try to find additional gear. We will provide all tents, tarps and cooking gear for the campout.

GEAR CHECKS:

There will be two gear checks for the Denali Detectives:

1. During Orientation on **Monday**, your child's group leaders will conduct a brief gear check to ensure participants have the necessary items for their daily activities Mon.–Thurs.
2. The **campout gear check** will occur on **Wednesday**, when parents drop off their children at the Murie Science and Learning Center. Please pack all of the items in one bag and bring it with you on Wednesday. Leaders will work with the children to look through their gear and make sure they are prepared for their overnight at Teklanika Field Camp. When you pick up your child on Weds. afternoon, a leader will let you know if anything needs to be added.

DAILY EQUIPMENT LIST:

Denali Discovery Camp activities are weather dependent, but we don't let a little rain ruin our fun! During the week, your child will spend most of the day outdoors; please pack your child's day pack accordingly. Use your best judgment and know that any unneeded items can be stored during the day in a safe location. Remember that your child will be carrying their day pack on hikes; please be sure your child is comfortable carrying their backpack. Regardless of weather, the items listed below should be brought to camp each day (Mon. – Thurs.):

- Daypack
- Lunch – items that can be eaten outside and do not need to be heated
- Snacks for morning *and* afternoon
- Rain jacket
- Rain pants
- Warm layer (fleece/wool sweater or jacket)
- Reusable water bottle with water in it (bottle that holds one quart is a good size)
- Optional: Face mask

Please Note:

- Due to the nature of the hike locations the Denali Detectives will be visiting, we strongly recommend sturdy, comfortable shoes that are good for long walks. On days that the weather looks inclement, feel free to send rain boots or a change of shoes and/or socks with your child – we will store extra boots/shoes so your child doesn't have to carry them.
- Your child will be hiking every day during Denali Discovery Camp, so a hearty lunch is essential. Think protein!
- Be sure to include snacks for both morning and afternoon on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Some suggestions: Big sandwiches (maybe two), two or three pieces of fruit, cheese, granola bars, etc.

OVERNIGHT EQUIPMENT LIST:

The Denali Detectives have the unique privilege to overnight in the tent cabins at the Murie Science and Learning Center’s field camp at Teklanika Campground. Participants will be sleeping in bunk beds, with mattresses, in canvas-walled tent platforms. The list below will help you and your child prepare for a successful and comfortable experience. Please pack the items listed below into one bag and bring it on Wednesday to the gear check. It is in your best interest to label your child’s items – this will help us return it to you if it gets separated from your child during Camp.

- Day pack (with the items listed above, minus lunch and snacks)
- One of each: cup, bowl, spoon and fork
- Sleeping bag
- Synthetic long underwear-top and bottoms
- A pair of shorts – synthetic if possible
- A short sleeved t-shirt – cotton is OK, synthetic is better
- A sweatshirt, or preferably a fleece jacket or wool sweater
- A warm jacket
- Extra warm socks- **not** cotton, preferably wool or synthetic/wool blend
- Warm hat
- Mittens or gloves
- Extra pair of tennis shoes
- Personal items: toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, small hand towel, etc.
- Two large garbage bags to cover belongings, in case of rain.

Please Note:

- If your child would like to bring a pillow, we recommend bringing a pillow case that can be stuffed with clothes at night.
- Pack all items into one **backpack** or **duffle bag**. Use garbage bags as inside liners only, not as substitutions for backpacks or duffle bags.
- **Do not pack extra snacks in the overnight bag.** We will be spending our days in bear country. We must keep track of all food and store it in bear proof lockers at night.
- No cell phones, radios, electronic games or toys are allowed. A small stuffed animal, book, and journal are acceptable.