



## Nature Scouts: Equipment List

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 find additional gear. We will provide all tents, tarps, and cooking gear (except cups, bowls, and utensils) for the campout.

### **GEAR CHECKS:**

There will be two gear checks for the Nature Scouts:

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 Riley Creek Campground. When you pick up your child on Wednesday 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 much of his or her 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 his or her 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
- Face Mask(s)- for use in DEC vehicles
- 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)

### ***Please Note:***

- Due to the nature of the hike locations the Nature Scouts 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 for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Some lunch/snack suggestions: Big sandwiches (maybe two), two or three pieces of fruit, cheese, granola bar, GORP, etc.

### **OVERNIGHT EQUIPMENT LIST:**

For many Nature Scouts participants, the overnight at Riley Creek Campground is their first camping experience. This is an exciting event and we are honored to share it with them! The list below will help you and your child prepare for a successful and comfortable experience. Please pack the items into one bag and bring it on Wednesday to the gear check. **It is a good idea to label your child's items in case they get misplaced.**

- Day pack (filled with the items listed above, minus lunch and snacks)
- One of each: cup, bowl, spoon, and fork
- Sleeping bag
- Sleeping pad
- Synthetic long underwear-top and bottoms
- 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 shoes
- Personal items: toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, small hand towel, etc.
- Two large garbage bags to cover belongings and/or line bag, in case of rain.

### ***Please Note:***

- If your child wants to bring a pillow, feel free. Some suggestions for lighter packing: bring a smaller pillow or just the pillow case that they can stuff 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 send food to the camp out with your child** we must keep track of all food and store it in bear proof lockers at night. We will be providing lunch and dinner on Thursday and breakfast on Friday.
- No cell phones, radios, electronic games, or toys are allowed. A small stuffed animal, book, and journal are acceptable.