



Equipment List: Wilderness Researchers

Denali Discovery Camp

It is vital that all students 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 so we can try to find additional gear. We will provide all tents, tarps, and cooking gear (except cups, bowls and utensils) for the campout.

GEAR CHECK:

The **overnight gear check** for the Wilderness Researchers will be on **Monday** at Orientation.

- Please pack all of the overnight items in one bag and bring it with you on Monday. Leaders will work with the students to look through their gear and make sure they are prepared for their days at Wonder Lake Campground. When you pick up your child on Monday afternoon, a leader will let you know if anything needs to be added.
- Overnight bags will be left at the Denali Education Center Monday night in order to be properly prepared for Tuesday's departure.

DAILY EQUIPMENT LIST:

Denali Discovery Camp activities are weather dependent, but we don't let a little rain ruin our fun! During the week, Wilderness Researchers will spend much of their day outdoors; please pack day packs accordingly. Use your best judgment and know that any unneeded items can be stored during the day at the campground. Remember that Wilderness Researchers will be carrying their day pack on long hikes; please be sure your student is comfortable carrying his or her backpack. Regardless of weather, the items listed below should be brought to camp Monday and Tuesday:

- 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)
- Filled reusable water bottle (bottle that holds one quart is a good size)

Please Note:

- Due to the nature of the hike locations the Wilderness Researchers will be visiting, sturdy waterproof hiking boots are required. Students should not hike in sneakers or rubber boots as the terrain is very uneven and often very wet.
- Wilderness Researchers 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 and Tuesday. Some suggestions: Big sandwiches (maybe two), two or three pieces of fruit, cheese, granola bars, GORP, etc. All the usual items, just pack a little more than normal.

OVERNIGHT EQUIPMENT LIST:

Wonder Lake campground, located at mile 85 on the park road, is Denali's most remote campground. Wilderness Researchers will be spending three nights and four days in the remote beauty of Wonder Lake and Kantishna, a privilege we are honored to share with them! The list below will help your student prepare for a successful and comfortable experience. Please pack the items listed below into one bag and bring it on Monday to the gear check. It is in the student's best interest to label items – this will help us return it to them if it gets separated from the student during Camp.

- Day pack (with items listed above, including lunch and snacks)
- One of each: cup, bowl, spoon, and fork
- Sleeping bag
- Sleeping pad
- Warm pajamas
- Synthetic long underwear-tops 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 or wool sweater
- A warm jacket
- 2 extra pair 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.
- Mosquito repellent and/or head net, sunscreen
- Two large garbage bags to cover belongings, in case of rain.

Optional Items:

- Students are welcome to bring a pillowcase and place a sweater and clothing inside to make a pillow.
- Past students have wanted to dip in Wonder Lake on warm afternoons. For students interested in doing this, please be sure to pack the shorts and t-shirt listed above or a swimsuit so that they can be worn into the lake. A small towel should also be included.
- Students are welcome to bring shower items to be left at the Denali Education Center for their return on Friday afternoon. Please pack these items in a separate bag with your name clearly labeled.

Please Note:

- 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 pack.** 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.
- Electronics are not allowed, but feel free to bring a book or journal.