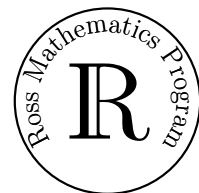


What to Bring?

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(1) What to bring?

- (a) Bring clothes suitable for hot summer weather outside, and cool temperatures in air-conditioned buildings. Bring (or plan to purchase) personal toiletries like soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush and toothpaste, comb, brush, nail clippers, etc.
- (b) Bring a pillow. Clean sheets, pillowcase, and towel are provided. However, pillows are not distributed by the dorm staff, so you should bring your own pillow. If you want a blanket, you may bring one.
- (c) Appliances like refrigerators and microwave ovens are **not** provided in dorm rooms.
- (d) Clothes washers and dryers are available. The Ross Program will provide detergent for everyone to use.
- (e) You are very much encouraged to bring a phone.
- (f) You are encouraged to bring a laptop computer.
- (g) You may bring school supplies like paper, pencils, pens, notebooks, and folders. There will be opportunities to purchase additional items after you arrive.

(2) What not to bring?

- (a) Do not bring a gaming system, music player with speakers, or other entertainment devices. Counselors will confiscate such equipment if you bring it to the Ross Program.
- (b) Student phones and computers are permitted, but their use is restricted: Make telephone calls only within your dorm room. Please do not use your phone or computer to play games, surf the internet, or look up information that undercuts the process of your mathematical explorations.
- (c) Do not bring math books, number theory textbooks, or other references. The Ross Number Theory course is self-contained, with no need for outside texts. It is far better to be puzzled by hard math problems and discuss them with others, rather than searching for answers online.
- (d) Do not bring skateboards, bicycles, or other transportation devices. Ross participants are asked stay on campus and walk to classes and the cafeteria.
- (e) Do not bring valuable items or large amounts of cash. The campus is a relatively safe place with little crime. But outsiders can sometimes sneak into the dormitory building and look for open doors when no one is there.
- (f) Do not plan other activities while at the Ross Program. **All of your time, effort, and focus will be on the Ross courses and problem sets.** There is

no opportunity for you to take an on-line course, prepare for standardized tests, write essays for your upcoming English class, or read the book recommended by your college advisor.

- (g) There is free time for students to play outdoor games (soccer, Ultimate, basketball, etc), or to play music on a University piano or your own instrument. (But not in the dorm where others could be disturbed.)
- (h) Please do not engage in activities like indoor gaming, card playing, preparing for future tests, working on non-math classes, or reading books unrelated to Ross courses. Those activities use up the intellectual energy that should be spent on Ross math problems! These six weeks of mathematical focus are a special time in your life, so make the most of the opportunity.