

Packing List for Astronomy Camp

SLEEPING BAG, TOWEL, FLASHLIGHT, ALARM CLOCK

TOILETRIES:

Soap, toothpaste, personal hygiene items,

CLOTHING:

Only casual clothes are needed. Tucson's daytime temperatures will be in the 100s; shorts and T-shirts will be adequate. However, on Mt. Lemmon, highs will be in the 80s and nights will be much cooler (50s). Please bring a very warm jacket, gloves, and a warm hat for nighttime observing. You will also need comfortable walking shoes for hiking and rubber soled shoes. Closed-toed shoes are required for touring the Mirror Lab.

HAT, SUNSCREEN, & CHAP STICK:

This is Tucson's sunny, hot, and dry time of year. Also, Mt. Lemmon is a low humidity environment. Sunburn and dry skin are potential problems. Bring a sunblock rated #15 or higher and be prepared to wear a hat outdoors. Hand lotion and vaseline (chap stick) will be very useful.

MEDICINES:

The summit of Mt. Lemmon is a two hour drive from the nearest hospital and pharmacy. Emergency medical personnel are not guaranteed to be available on the mountain, so we prefer to be as prepared as possible for any medical problems. Please fill out the enclosed medical form carefully and let the Camp Director know of any particular medicines you need to take. The Director is required to maintain all medicines and to assist you in taking any medication.

There are weeds, grass, and dust on Mt. Lemmon, so if you have allergies, bring appropriate antihistamines. If you wear contact lenses, bring glasses in case the pollen and dust aggravate your eyes.

ELECTRONICS:

The use of cellphones, for entertainment and communication, during Camp is distracting to our Campers and staff and can also lead to safety concerns. While cellphones are useful during travel and for taking candid pictures, we generally discourage their use, except for educational activities. All students will have daily access to the Internet through our own computers.

Music players and gaming devices should be left at home.

We will use our own cameras for telescope photos. Candid pictures taken during the Camp are posted afterwards on our Internet site. A simple automatic camera is fine for your own candid souvenir shots.

BINOCULARS:

Binoculars will be available, but you are welcome to bring your own.

LUNCH MONEY:

Campers will need to buy their own lunch on the first (should you arrive early) and last days of Camp.

CASH & VALUABLES:

All expenses during the Camp are paid by the Camp's tuition. Students may certainly bring extra cash for souvenirs and snack foods. However, we cannot guarantee security for cash or valuable items. Campers must be responsible for their possessions. We will happily safeguard any valuable items.

NOTE: Cell phones may not operate on Mt. Lemmon due to low reception signals.

NOT ALLOWED:

Fireworks, illegal drugs, and weapons of any kind will lead to expulsion from Camp!! Smoking is not permitted at any time.