

What to Pack for Peterkin Summer Camps

The weather in the Potomac Highlands is generally hot and humid in the summers, with cooler mornings and temperatures rising by midday. Nights are often chilly, especially earlier in the summer. If you have further questions, please contact our camp office.



- Shorts, t-shirts, pants, socks, and undergarments for a full week (we recommend extra changes of clothes)
- At least one sweatshirt or lightweight jacket for cool mornings and evenings.
- A rain jacket or umbrella
- At least one swimsuit
- Two pairs of shoes, including at least one pair of sneakers or hiking shoes
- At least two towels, one of which will be kept at the pool
- Bedding for a twin mattress (a pillow and either sheets and a blanket or a sleeping)
- Toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, etc.)
- All prescription medications, in their original packages
- Sunscreen, a hat, sunglasses, and bug spray

Campers may also wish to bring:

- A reusable water bottle
- A flashlight
- An alarm clock
- A book for rest time or before bed
- A favorite stuffed animal
- Stationary and stamps for writing letters
- A camera

Campers should leave the following items at home:

- Cell phones, computers, and other electronic devices (including any technology that operates off of cellular data)
- Alcohol, tobacco, vape pens, illegal drugs

Camp Dress Code

At Peterkin, our dress code is simple: please pack clothes that will enable you to fully participate in the active life of camp, including hiking, athletics, and more. When choosing clothing for camp, keep in mind that campers spend significant time outdoors, which can include sun exposure, walking on gravel or dirt pathways; and time spent in the woods; as you pack, consider what you will be most comfortable in during these sorts of activities. For example: gym shorts and a t-shirt are a better choice than jeans and a tank top for playing on the athletic field, and shoes you don't mind getting a little muddy are better for a hike than the Air Jordans that you're trying to keep in pristine condition. If you have questions about what is or is not appropriate for camp, please contact the Peterkin office.

Finally, we ask campers to refrain from wearing clothing with profanity; sexual language or innuendo; political endorsements; and references to violence, vaping, drugs, alcohol, and tobacco.