



CAMP 101

What to Pack

NOTE: WEATHER PATTERNS & THE IMPORTANCE OF LAYERS

Our Weather can vary dramatically! Therefore, making sure you are bringing the proper clothing to camp is important. The mountain environment where the A/U Ranches are located is characterized by frequently changing weather conditions. In general, count on nighttime temperatures being cool, usually ranging in 40's to low 50's. The daytime highs, however, can range anywhere from the 60's to low 90's, but typically average in the low 80's.

Afternoon thunderstorms do occur fairly regularly. It can also snow any time in the high mountains and because almost all of our campers will be hiking, biking, etc. in the mountains at some point, you'll want to be prepared for this possibility.

When spending time in the backcountry, it's best to understand the importance of layering clothing. Dressing in several light layers rather than one heavy layer allows more flexibility as the weather and activity changes. Wool, pile, polar fleece, polypropylene, and capilene all continue to insulate when wet. Cotton, on the other hand, does not. Most people feel that synthetics are more comfortable than wool next to the skin.

While some of you live where you won't use these layers at home, rest assure, every item really is necessary here in the Rocky Mountains. But, you should not feel you must buy all of your child's gear at expensive camping stores. Thrift shops, Goodwill, and Army/Navy surplus stores can be excellent sources for many of the items on the list. Our clothing list takes into consideration ALL the weather conditions you may be exposed to at camp, but please call us with any questions you have regarding gear.

Prior to arriving at camp, you will receive a Program Guide that will have a packing list for your specific program.