

OGICHI DAA KWE

STAFF PACKING LIST

LINENS & LUGGAGE

DAYPACK (1)

A small backpack will help you keep track of your possessions while at camp. A light backpack you don't mind getting wet/ a waterproof bag can be helpful to bring on trip to keep things like the satellite phone, your rain jacket, water bottles, etc. handy.

BEDDING TWIN-SIZE FITTED SHEET (2) *

You will need two fitted sheets so that one can be used while the other is being washed.

TWIN-SIZE FLAT SHEET (2) *

As with the fitted sheets, having two flat sheets ensures that one is always clean.

BLANKET (2)

Even during the summer, it can be very cold at night. A heavy blanket is a must, especially during First Session. Fleece blankets, though soft, aren't always warm enough.

PILLOW (1)

Somehow, pillows are one of the most common items that are forgotten. Don't come to camp without one!

PILLOWCASE (2)

As with the sheets, having two pillowcases ensures that one is always clean.

SHOWER TOWEL (1)

Believe it or not, most folks shower every day at Ogichi. It's nice to dry off afterward!

BEACH TOWEL (1)

We do a lot of swimming at Ogichi and it's nice to have a separate towel for beach and dock days!

LAUNDRY BAG (2)

It's important that you bring two laundry bags, both clearly labeled with your name. While one load is in the laundry, you can use the other to store dirty clothes.

TOILETRIES

TOILETRIES SHOWER CADDY OR TOILETRY BAG (1)

A shower caddy or toiletry bag will help you carry your toiletries to and from the washhouse.

TOOTHBRUSH (1)

Everyone at Ogichi needs a toothbrush to keep those pearly whites clean, both in camp and on trips.

TOOTHPASTE (1)

You should have your own tube to use at camp.

FLOSS (1)

* indicates items needed for trip & cabin staff only

Don't forget to pack some floss. Your dentist will thank you!

SHAMPOO AND CONDITIONER (1)

Be sure to pack shampoo and conditioner. Hair has a way of getting dirty during a full day of activities.

SOAP OR BODY WASH (1)

Soap or body wash will keep you squeaky clean!

BRUSH OR COMB (1)

A brush or comb will help you tame your mane.

LOTION (1)

Lotion keeps skin happy and hydrated after long days in the sun.

SUNSCREEN (1)

While at camp, you will need your own bottle of sunscreen with UV protection.

BUG SPRAY (1)

It can get pretty buggy at night. Though camp will provide bug spray for trips, it's nice to have for evening activities as well.

LIP BALM (1)

Don't let chapped lips ruin your day! Get one with SPF.

NAIL CLIPPERS (1)

Even the best manicure will chip at camp. Nail clippers will keep those nails tidy. If you prefer fancy fingertips, feel free to bring nail polish and remover, too.

SHOWER SHOES (1 PAIR) *

A pair of slide-on sandals or flip-flops—worn only in the shower—will help keep the washhouse clean.

CLOTHES AND SHOES**BRA AND SPORTS BRAS (3-5)**

A few good bras will provide all the support you need while at camp. Be sure to pack enough to take sports bras on trip too.

TANK TOP (2-3)

Tank tops help active counselors stay cool on warm days—and show off their muscles!

T-SHIRT (4-6)

Bring plenty of T-shirts. The camp store has a great selection, too.

SYNTHETIC T-SHIRT (1)

Synthetic T-shirts dry faster than cotton ones and retain more heat when wet.

FLANNEL OR LONG-SLEEVED T-SHIRT (2)

A sturdy flannel shirt or comfy long-sleeved T-shirt adds an extra layer of warmth and provides protection from the sun and mosquitoes.

FLEECE (1)

A warm synthetic fleece is essential for cold days at camp and on trips.

SWEATSHIRT (1)

A comfy cotton sweatshirt is great for cooler days, but it shouldn't be used on trips.

RAIN JACKET (1)

It rains at least once on most trips, so a high-quality, lightweight rain jacket will easily become your favorite piece of gear. Backpackers may also want to pack a lightweight windbreaker.

IN-CAMP UNDERWEAR (10 PAIRS)

We recommend at least a week's worth of underwear.

SYNTHETIC UNDERWEAR (2 PAIRS) *

Synthetic underwear dries quickly, making it ideal for trips.

ATHLETIC SHORTS (2-4 PAIRS)

Athletic shorts are a must for warm days at camp. Since they tend to get dirty, dark colors are preferred.

TRIP GEAR JEANS, PANTS OR LEGGINGS (2-4 PAIRS)

Whatever your preference, long pants or leggings are essential at Ogichi.

QUICK-DRY PANTS (1 PAIR) *

Quick-dry pants protect from pesky bugs and, well, dry quickly.

RAIN PANTS (OPTIONAL, 1 PAIR) *

Though they're not essential, rain pants make rainy days a whole lot more comfortable!

SWEATPANTS (1-2 PAIRS)

Keep it cozy with a pair of sweats for bedtime or after early morning Polar Bear dips in the lake!

LONG UNDERWEAR (OPTIONAL, 1 SET) *

Though it's not essential, a set of long underwear is nice to have on cold days, and for sleeping. Backpackers may prefer a mid-weight base layer for extra warmth.

BASEBALL CAP OR BRIMMED HAT (1)

Everyone needs a hat to protect them from the sun on their trip.

WOOL HAT (1)

A wool hat will go a long way toward keeping you warm when the weather turns cool.

SOCKS (6-8 PAIRS)

Socks get lost more often than you'd think, so don't forget to label each pair. Athletic socks work well at camp.

WOOL SOCKS (2 PAIRS)

Because they stay warm even when wet, wool socks are critical on trips.

SWIMSUIT (2)

A dip off the dock requires a cute and comfy suit!

NIGHT OFF CLOTHING (2)

On staff nights off, it's fun to wear some more fun clothes like jeans and a fun top! You may also want a dress or dressy attire for end-of-session events.

COSTUME WEAR (OPTIONAL)

Fun clothing makes evening activities even more fun. Examples include wigs, boas, beads and glitter skirts.

ATHLETIC SHOES (1 PAIR)

Cross-trainers, running shoes or tennis shoes make great all-purpose footwear at camp.

WATER SHOES (1 PAIR)

A sturdy pair of water shoes or sandals are nice to have at camp—and are essential on trips. We don't recommend Crocs or flip-flops because they can't be tightened.

HIKING BOOTS (1 PAIR) *

A good pair of boots provides ankle support on portages and hiking trails. Some staff prefer heavy waterproof boots; others prefer lightweight boots without waterproofing. To avoid blisters, make sure you break them in before camp.

TRIP GEAR ***CAMP TOWEL (1) ***

A compact and quick-drying camp towel is great for drying off after a swim. If you're canoeing, you'll probably thank having a slightly bigger camp towel- smaller ones are great for keeping weight to a minimum when backpacking, but it's nice to have a bigger one when canoeing!

BANDANA OR BUFF (1) *

A bandana or Buff is great for sun protection, bug protection and keeping your hair out of your face. An extra bandana is great for drying things down/mopping up spillages, etc

BUG NET (1) *

Face-covering bug nets are nice to have on trips where the mosquitoes and black flies are more populous.

SLEEPING BAG (1) *

A good sleeping bag can be expensive, but it's absolutely essential. We recommend a three-season synthetic bag rated to 10°F or 20°F. "Mummy" or "modified mummy"-style bags are ideal; they're warm, lightweight and pack small. Backpackers should also bring a compression sack.

30-35 LITER DRY SACK (1) *

A properly sealed 30-35 liter dry sack will keep your sleeping bag, spare clothes and other possessions completely dry on canoe trips. A high-quality dry sack will last for many years.

SLEEPING PAD (OPTIONAL FOR CANOERS, REQUIRED FOR BACKPACKERS) *

An inflatable sleeping pad will insulate you from the ground and make nights in the tent a little more comfortable.

HYDRATION SYSTEM (BACKPACKERS ONLY) *

Water is not as accessible in the mountains as it is on canoe trips. A Camelback or similar hydration system, 2 nalgens, will help you carry all the water you need.

GLOVES (BACKPACKERS ONLY) *

A good pair of gloves will keep those fingers warm on cold mornings.

DOWN JACKET (SENIOR BACKPACKERS ONLY) *

This is for staff leading the senior backpacking trips out west. The weather is colder at higher elevations, so it's important to have all the necessary layers.

MISCELLANEOUS

WATCH (1)

An inexpensive waterproof digital watch will help keep track of the time throughout the day.

32-OUNCE WATER BOTTLE AND CARABINER (1)

Hydrate! A sturdy water bottle is essential for camp living, and on all Ogichi trips. A 32-ounce wide mouth Nalgene is ideal. Backpackers should bring two. The camp store sells some lovely branded Nalgens, but if you don't want to buy one of those, it's probably good to bring two bottles on trip as a staff member- we tend to drink more water than campers do!

HEADLAMP AND EXTRA BATTERIES (1)

If you ever have to visit the washhouse at night, you'll need a headlamp to see where you're going! Because they will also be used on trips, headlamps should be lightweight and powered by disposable batteries.

SUNGLASSES WITH STRAP (1 PAIR)

Sunglasses are great to have in the canoe, especially when the morning sun is reflecting off the lake. We recommend attaching Croakies or Chums to prevent them from getting lost or broken, but accidents do happen, so please send an inexpensive pair.

JOURNAL OR NOTEBOOK (OPTIONAL)

Journaling is a favorite Balance Time activity. A small notebook will help you record all of your camp memories.

BOOKS (OPTIONAL)

Whether during Balance Time at camp or after dinner on a trip, it's nice to have a good book to read. You can also borrow books from our camp library.

HAWAIIAN SHIRT (OPTIONAL)

Campers love wearing Hawaiian shirts on trip departure days.

OPTIONAL SPORTS EQUIPMENT (SOFTBALL GLOVE, ETC.)

Ogichi athletes should feel free to bring any sports equipment they wish.

CLIMBING SHOES (OPTIONAL)

If you are serious about climbing, you should bring your own pair of climbing shoes to use on our new rock wall.

COMPASS (OPTIONAL) *

Ogichi has compasses available for use, but those interested in map reading, orienteering and open-water navigation should bring their own.

PLAYING CARDS (OPTIONAL)

A deck of cards is great to have during down time.

DISPOSABLE CAMERA (OPTIONAL)

A disposable camera is a great way to capture daily life at camp and exciting moments on trips. A waterproof one is even better.

POCKET KNIFE (OPTIONAL)

Whether for whittling a smore's stick or fashioning a friendship bracelet, a pocketknife has many uses at camp.

FISHING ROD AND TACKLE (OPTIONAL)

For those who love to fish, an inexpensive spin-casting kit is perfect for camp. Lures for walleye, pike and bass are good to have in the tackle box.