



Family Nature Camp "What to Bring" Checklist

Summer life at College of the Atlantic and on Mt. Desert Island is very informal. Our coastal location provides plenty of ever changing weather, including sunshine and temperatures in the 70° and 80° F range, as well as days when we are wrapped in fog. Keep in mind that evenings are sometimes cool and boat trips such as the whale watch that venture far off shore can be very cold, so bring appropriate clothing. If you would like to print the following list, it may be of help to you (2 pages).

Part I: What to Bring

- KIDS!
- alarm clock
- backpacks for field trips
- bathing suit
- binoculars
- camera
- car or booster seats for young children
- clothes hangers
- field guides
- flashlight
- sunglasses
- kayaks/canoes/bikes with locks (if desired) Note: Kayaks are provided for guided trips booked through Family Nature Camp.
- laundry detergent/quarters for machines
- medications
- picture ID for all persons 18 and older (required for commercial boat trips)
- rain gear (field trips go in all kinds of weather!)
- reading lamp
- shoes (extra pair for wading through mud)
- toiletries (shampoo, soap, toothpaste, sunscreen, bug repellent)
- towels / twin flat sheets / pillowcase (or you can lease at registration)
- warm, comfortable clothes suitable for hiking/boat trips (dress in layers when on the water)
- a fan (some nights can be humid and housing is not air-conditioned)



Part II: What COA Does and Does NOT Provide

COA provides the following:

- mattress pads/pillows/blankets
- basic lighting
- we have a limited number of fans, which you may request to use when available – we recommend that you bring your own
- mirrors in all bathrooms (not available in all dorm rooms)
- individual room and house keys
- coin operated washers and dryers
- high chairs in the dining hall
- bus stop for Island Explorer
- wireless internet service

COA does NOT provide:

- linens (sheets/pillow case/towels – unless you lease at registration)
- car /booster seats, cribs or strollers
- change machines or soap dispensers
- swimming pool, video arcades, basketball court or TV lounges
- safe areas for skateboarding/rollerblading
- transportation, other than for field trips
- air conditioning
- childcare

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Summer Programs office at 1-800-597-9500. We look forward to seeing you at Camp!