

CAMPING EQUIPMENT

1	65L backpack - with waterproof backpack cover	1	Synthetic camp towel - bath towel size
1	20° sleeping bag - with compression sack	1	Headlamp - with extra batteries
1	Sleeping pad	1	Insulated plastic cup - 8oz
1	Day pack suitable for full day of fishing (ideally fishing pack)	1	4-5" bowl
2	Water bottle - 1 liter	1	Camping utensils

CLOTHING

5	Synthetic underwear	1	Fleece pants
3	Sports bras	1	Rain jacket
1	Synthetic long underwear - top & bottom - medium weight	1	Rain pants
2	Synthetic t-shirt	1	Fleece pullover - midweight
1	Synthetic long sleeve shirt / Sun hoody	1	Packable synthetic down jacket - heavy weight
2	Athletic shorts	1	Comfortable outfit - for travel and rest days
1	Hiking pants	1	Swimsuit

FOOTWEAR + ACCESSORIES

4	Socks - synthetic hiking socks	1	Sun hat
1	Hiking boots or shoes - medium weight	1	Fleece gloves / mittens
1	Water shoes - with heel strap (no Crocs)	1	Fleece (winter) hat

TOILETRIES

1	Sunscreen - 12oz	1	Soap
1	Hand sanitizer - 2oz	1	Deodorant
1	Toothbrush + toothpaste	1	Insect repellent - 12oz
1	Shampoo	1	Lip balm
1	Toiletry bag or Dopp kit		Moleskin - 5-7 pads (blister care)

MISCELLANEOUS

1	Sunglasses - with retainer strap (i.e. Croakies or Chums)	1	Spending money - \$50/week
1	Laundry bag	1	Watch (essential!)
1	Whistle	1	Insect head net (essential!)
2	Bandana	2	Nylon stuff sack - 20L
1	Buff	1	Compass

Optional Items: camera, book, journal, camp chair, camp pillow, athletic shoes, trekking poles, gaiters

VISIT THE WA STORE TO OUTFIT YOUR ADVENTURE

Questions about items on your packing list? We're here to help!
Give us a call at 307-733-2122 or reach out to your Regional Coordinator
for advice and tips.



PRO TIP

Don't forget to break
in your hiking shoes
before your adventure!

FISHING ESSENTIALS

These are items you will need for your fly fishing trip. There will be opportunities to re-supply during your program but the quantities listed are designed to last the length of your trip. Enough flies to last the trip will be provided by WA, however, many students enjoy choosing their own flies at one of the fly shops you will stop at during the program. For this reason, we recommend bringing an additional \$50 in spending money.

5 OR 6 WT., 4-PIECE ROD WITH HARD CARRYING CASE: Weight refers to the action or how flexible the rod is. Five and six weight rods are considered medium action and are appropriate for many types of fishing. Rods come in a variety of materials, but graphite has become the most common for its light weight and durability. Ensure that the rod you bring is a sectional rod that breaks down into 4 pieces. This is essential for the backpacking portion of your trip. In order to protect your rod while not in use, be sure to bring a hard-sided carrying case. Recommended brands: Redington, Orvis, Sage

PAIR OF HEMOSTATS (SMALL LOCKING PLIERS): These small pliers are specifically made for fishing and are used to unhook a fish, hold a fly while tying it on, and debarb hooks.

REEL WITH BACKING AND FLOATING, WEIGHT FORWARD LINE: The main function of the fly reel is to store line and provide smooth tension or drag. Backing refers to a thin but strong section of line that secures directly to your reel and the back end of the fly line. It is useful if a hooked fish pulls all of the line off the reel to have a section of backing as an insurance policy. Because the flies that are being cast have very little weight, the weight needed for casting comes from the line. Fly lines come in many different varieties with varying weight and taper. Taper describes the diameter change in the length of the line. For your trip, you'll want to select a 4wt or 5wt weight line, with a "weight forward" taper.

TUBE OF FLOATANT: Floatant or "Gink" is a gel used to help dry flies float better. It keeps the fly from absorbing moisture. Recommended brands: Loon Outdoors, Angler's Accessories.

SMALL FLY BOX: Used to store your flies. Usually a simple box with a foam insert to hold flies in place. Recommended brands: Cabelas, Orvis.

TIPPET SPOOL IN 2X, 3X, 4X, 5X (ONE OF EACH): Tippet is used to lengthen a leader that has gotten too short to use. It comes in different weights, listed with a number and an x (e.g. 2x). Different weight tippet is used in different situations. Sold in spools with the weight listed on them, bring one of each listed above. Recommended Brands: Rio, Scientific Anglers.

4X TAPERED LEADERS: Leaders attach to your fly line providing a transition to the fly. A tapered leader is thicker at the end that connects to the fly line and becomes narrower as it progresses toward the fly. 4x refers to the diameter of the leader at the narrow end and will be referenced on the packaging. Recommended Brands: Rio, Scientific Anglers.

PAIR OF NIPPERS: A pair of clippers used for trimming line, leader and tippet. Recommended brands: Hardy, Simms.

***ROD AND REEL COMBINATIONS:** Many companies offer packages that come with a rod and reel, and sometimes backing, line and a case. These can be a good value, but be sure to select a combination that meets the requirements described above. Recommended Brands: Redington, Ross, Orvis, Temple Fork Outfitters, Cabelas