



School Supply List, 2023-24

School Provided Items:

- The school registration fee covers most reusable supplies for each student such as scissors, pencil box, ruler, etc.
- Bug head net
- “Bento Box” lunch box (*use of for the year*)
- Oakiwear waterproof trail suit for all K-1 students (*use of for the year*)

NEW! Please send the following classroom consumable items with your student/s:

- Crayola Colored Pencils (12 classic colors)
- Crayola Markers (10 Classic colors)
- 6 Expo dry erase markers
- 1 package 7th Generation wipes
- 1 set of pocket pack tissues (K-2nd only), 1 set of Kleenex tissues (3rd-5th grade only)
- Chromebook compatible headphones or earbuds (3rd-5th grade only)

Mandatory student items: (*label each item with child's name*)

- Trail appropriate backpack:
 - *Unlike normal school backpacks, we highly recommend purchasing a kids "daypack" with a capacity of 16-18 Liters. In particular, look for packs with a waist and chest strap; this will dramatically make the pack more comfortable for your child. The packs do NOT have to be huge, but big enough to have water, snacks/lunch, and some school supplies in them for learning activities on the trail. If your kid can easily run with it on, it's perfect.*
- Water bottle
- Brimmed hat - baseball cap or sun hat - (encouraged)
- Classroom shoes (Prefer slip on, must be hard soles that can go outside in a fire drill, no distracting slippers)
- One extra set of clothing to be kept at school: socks, pants, shirt, underwear (change with seasons)
- Rain and snow boots
- Rain gear (grades 2-5): coat & pants
- Closed toe water shoes are often necessary for many activities, such as creek walks, river investigations, etc. (Keens are a great shoe that can comfortably get wet and still be hiked in. It is important since your child is hiking miles a day that their shoes fit appropriately. Oversized shoes will leave painful blisters.)

Optional Student Items: (*label each item with child's name*)

- Thermos for warm drinks in winter
- Sunscreen and Bug Repellent to reapply during the day
- Individual/travel size: Hand sanitizer, hand wipes; and tissue
- 1-2 reusable grocery bags used to bring larger items to and from school

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Gear & Clothing Helpful Tips & Resources:

- Send your child to school in play clothes! Expect them to return home dirty. Save the nice clothes for home activities, family get-togethers, and special events.
- Tight clothing, fancy dresses, and costumes get in the way during active play.
- Children need comfortable, close-toed, protective shoes with gripping soles for running, jumping, and climbing. All shoes must have hard soles. NO CROCS.
- Layers of clothing for changing weather and moving from outdoors to indoors are needed for children to enjoy the variety of activities offered throughout the day.
- **Focus on non-cotton layers as cotton does not hold heat when it's wet. Instead, look for fleeces, polyester (sport) shirts, non-cotton pants, etc.**
- Double up on socks in winter - choose a light pair (non-cotton) "liner" sock and then put on a warmer wool/polyester sock. The layers will help keep the warmth in.
- Expect your child to go outside every day.
- **Label all items and clothing!** It will go a long way to helping keep track of your child's gear. A quick google search for "clothing labels" brings up more choices than imaginable.

Appropriate Clothing:

Fall/Spring	Winter	Rain
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Light pants - Rubber boots - Fleece or light jacket - Light hat for sun/tick protection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Winter hat that covers ears - Neck covers (gator, Buff, etc.) - Snow pants - Heavy winter coat that can be zipped up completely and reaches hips or lower. - Thick, warm, water resistant mittens/gloves (no cotton/knit) - Wool or fleece socks - Warm, water resistant, properly fitting winter boots that reach at least mid-calf (no dress or fashion boots) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Raincoat with hood (no ponchos or umbrellas) - Rain boots - Rain pants

Sources for Discounts:

- **Wigwam Outlet Store (socks):** 5300 WI-42 Sheboygan; Hours: Th-Fri 10am-4pm; Sat 10am-2pm.
- **Sierra Trading post (all clothing and gear):** <https://www.sierra.com/> and a store located in both West Bend and Delafield
- **REI Outlet:** <https://www.rei.com/rei-garage>
- **REI Used Gear:** <https://www.rei.com/used>
- **Polarn O. Pyret** <https://www.polarnopyretusa.com/> Outdoor schools save 20% all year
- **Patagonia Worn Wear:** <https://wornwear.patagonia.com/>
- **Oakiwear:** <https://oaki.com/> Contact the ROLES office for a 25% off school discount code!
- **Garage sales and resale stores** are a great choice!

