



Getting Ready for Camp Crystal Lake

A Letter From the Staff

Dear Parents,

Your child is preparing for one of the most unique field trips they will ever take. They are headed to Camp Crystal Lake, Outdoor Education Center. Camp Crystal Lake is the camp owned by the School Board of Alachua County.

This field trip is a residential field trip, meaning they will be staying overnight at camp! Your students will be studying the environment in our "classroom without walls" during the day and staying in cabins with their peers, supervised by teachers/chaperones at night. As a community they will be responsible for their cabin and dining hall duties.

This camp experience will help your children gain confidence in themselves through community responsibility and leadership, increased self-reliance, new skills learned, and lots of fun with their classmates. We are excited to share the camp experience with your child.

Sincerely,
The Camp Crystal Lake Staff

A Few Notes About Communication

- If your child becomes ill or injured at camp a teacher or staff member will contact you.
- Campers do not have access to the phones at camp, so please don't ask them to call you.
- In the event you have an emergency and need to contact us please call (855) 651-CAMP.

What will we do at Camp Crystal Lake?

- Nature Hikes
- Astronomy
- Hayrides
- Campfire Songs & Stories
- Lake Studies
- Sports
- Ice Cream Social
- Team Building
- Archery or Swimming
- Hands on Science
- Team Games

To Do Checklist

- Send signed permission slip to school
- Send trip payment
- Mark your child's things with his/her name
- Fill out and sign the medications form and send any meds for your child in their original package (even for over the counter medications, vitamins & supplements)

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP CRYSTAL LAKE

Via Waldo: (22 mi. from Gainesville Airport) Take State Road (SR) 24 to Waldo then US 301 (N) to County Road (CR) 221. Turn right. Go through Hampton; stay to the right at the next fork to continue on CR 18. After 4 miles, CR 18 dead ends at SR 100. Turn right onto SR 100. Go 1 mile then turn left at Keystone Airport Road. Follow the signs into camp.

Via Melrose: (27 mi. from Gainesville Airport) Take 39th Ave. east to SR 26. Follow SR 26 through Orange Heights to Melrose. Turn left at the traffic light in Melrose onto CR 21 (N). Take CR 21 to SR 100 in Keystone Heights. Turn left at the traffic light. Go 5 miles then turn right at Keystone Airport Road. Follow the signs into camp.

Packing List

While packing for camp please send older clothes and shoes. It will help your child feel more at home here. Also consider current weather conditions. It is not necessary to purchase any items for this trip.

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| • 2 Twin Sheets | • Pajamas | • Shampoo & Conditioner | <i>For Winter Campers</i> |
| • Pillow & Case | • Sweatshirt or Jacket | • Flashlight | • Coat |
| • Blanket or Sleeping Bag | • Raincoat | • Non-aerosol Insect Repellent | • Gloves |
| • Washcloth | • 3 pairs of socks | • Sunscreen | • Hat |
| • 1 bath towel | • Shoes/Sandals | • Laundry Bag | • Extra Blanket |
| • 1 beach towel | • Toothpaste | • Water Bottle | • Chapstick |
| • 3 shirts | • Toothbrush | • Camera | <i>For Spring & Fall Campers</i> |
| • 3 shorts | • Brush/Comb | • Book | • Swimsuit |
| • 1 pair of jeans | • Bath Soap | | |
| • 3-4 pairs of underwear | • Deodorant | | |

PLEASE DO NOT BRING: Gum, Money, MP3 Players, Cell Phones, Food, Knives or Other Weapons. Valuables should be left at home.