

What To Bring List

It is important to dress properly when you come to McKeever. Your personal comfort will help ensure good health while participating in the educational programs. In addition, you serve as a role model for the students. We have learned from experience that what we model (in terms of appropriate clothing) is watched carefully and many times imitated by the students. We are not suggesting that you go out and buy a new wardrobe; rather, we are simply providing you with a list of items which student teachers in the past have used and found helpful.

CLOTHING ITEMS

Sturdy Shoes

Hiking boots or other types of boots have been very popular with many student teachers. You may also wear tennis shoes that have a good tread on them because some paths are steep and can get slippery when it rains. Your boots and shoes should be waterproofed and insulated. There are several good products available which will waterproof most types of leather.

Pants

Denim jeans work well while teaching in an outdoor classroom. Sweatpants will not be acceptable as part of your teaching attire.

T-Shirts/Sweatshirts

T-shirts/Sweatshirts are acceptable but they must be professional in appearance (free of adverse promotional messages, holes, stains etc.) when teaching young children and greeting visitors to the Center.

Socks

When the weather gets cold, many of our student teachers have relied on the combination of insulated boots, polypropylene socks and wool socks to keep their feet warm. Polypropylene and wool when worn together are very effective when it comes to staying dry and warm.

Jackets

Since you will be outside the majority of your time, you will need to be prepared for all kinds of weather. Depending on the season, winter coats, light jackets and raincoats are all important. A windbreaker is not a substitute for a raincoat. You may be outdoors when it rains and should be fully protected from the elements. Dress in layers.

NON-CLOTHING ITEMS

- ✓ Daypack. You will need this to carry anything from a small first aid kit (provided) to your journal and props.
- ✓ Cell Phone, Calling Card or Pre-Paid Card. Our phones are set up so that you must have a calling card or make collect calls when making telephone calls.
- ✓ Watch
- ✓ Laptop (optional)