

Basic Car Camping Packing List

with suggestions for Santa Cruz Camping

SHELTER

- **Appropriate sized tent** (1 person: 2-3 person tent; 2 people: 3-4 person tent; 3-4 people: 5-6 person tent, etc.) We have limited space at our campground so we cannot have a single people in 6 person tents. Thanks for understanding. If you don't have a smaller tent, please let us know as we have some 3-4 person tents that are very new you can use for free! Please make sure you have all your poles, stakes, and rain fly for the tent.
- Tarp for under tent
- Extra paracord – nice for clothes line or holding tent up!
- Small hammer for tent pegs
- Cots or comfortable sleeping pads
- Sleeping Bags or bedding (it will be cold, bring extra blankets)
- Pillow
- Portable Crib if needed
- Battery lantern for in tent & flashlights for out and about

KITCHEN/DINING EQUIPMENT

- Our staff will provide Saturday Night Dinner from Pizza My Hard (pizza, salad, coffee/tea, dessert) have desserts for both nights.
- **YOUR FOOD!** (Friday night dinner, Sat breakfast & Lunch, Sun breakfast) **THINK EASY & FUN!** Note: We are camping very close to lots of great dining, like Gayle's Bakery & Rosticceria, so don't feel like you have to rough it!
- Camping Stove and propane (if you don't have one, let us know as we have several and you could borrow one)
- Pots/Pans & oven mitt
- Serving utensils
- Some way to make coffee!
- camping plates/cups/utensils/napkins
- Trash bags
- Water bottles
- Tablecloth
- Cooler with ice (try freezing some bottles of water early for your cooler. They last long and you can drink them later!)
- Water –spigot near the campsite
- Paper Towels
- Cleaning Supplies (for dishes)

MENU SUGGESTIONS

- **BREAKFAST IDEAS:** Bring some eggs already scrambled in double ziplock bags, some pre-cooked bacon to warm up, and some bagels or pastries! Bring instant oatmeal and some fresh blueberries to put into it. Bring cold cereal, milk, and OJ.
- **LUNCH IDEAS:** Nothing beats a great sandwich, fruit, some carrots & cherry tomatoes with a little package of Ranch dip, or some cheese, salami & crackers. Maybe for the beach day throw a bag of salad into your cooler?
- **DINNER IDEAS:** Hamburgers, hot dogs, tacos, bring some pre-made salads, cans of soup or beans, or throw a steak in there and really live!
- Bring your Favorite Snacks, S'mores

ACTIVITIES/ENTERTAINMENT OPTIONS

- Hiking clothing/shoes
- Wetsuit if you own one!
- Daypack & water bottles
- Bicycles, Bike Helmets, Pump & extra tube
- Soccer ball, Football, Frisbee
- Beach Toys
- Board games (not bored games)
- Card Games
- Glow Sticks (non-toxic)
- Mask/snorkel/fins
- Beach blanket/shade umbrella or Easy Up

CAMPSITE STUFF

- Wipes (they work for everyone!)
- Camping/Beach Chairs
- Extra TP
- Firewood & Lighter Fluid
- Bug Repellent
- Sunscreen
- Broom & Dustpan for cleaning tent
- Hammock
- Hatchet or Axe if needed
- First Aid Kit
- Camera
- Phone charger
- Camp lantern & flashlights

PERSONAL ITEMS

- Swimsuit
- Towel
- Shower kit (bring quarters for showers – at least a couple dollars worth)
- Medications
- Wipes/Diapers (for baby)
- underwear
- t-shirts & sweatshirt/jacket
- shorts & long pants
- socks & shoes
- hiking socks if hiking
- raincoat/poncho (plan for the worst, hope for the best!)
- Flip flops or beach shoes
- Hiking/walking shoes
- Hats
- Sunglasses
- Flashlight
- Spending money
- Pocket knife