

Attention 5th Grade Parents

We are enclosing the gear and clothing list for the upcoming OMSI Camp with this newsletter.

Although Camp isn't scheduled until late May we wanted to make sure you have the list now so that you can start planning ahead. We've found this to be a great time to buy Outdoor gear and equipment that your student will need as many stores have deals on outdoor clothing this time of year.

*** Please contact Tracy in the office if your child needs a winter coat. We may have some available.

EQUIPMENT LIST

Please bring adequately warm and "warm-when-wet" clothes to camp. This means a wool or polypropylene layer, not cotton. Cotton t-shirts and a pair of jeans with a light jacket are not going to keep a child warm on cloudy or rainy days. Rain gear is a necessity, as we spend the majority of the day outdoors, rain or shine. Be prepared for varied weather conditions.

SLEEPING GEAR:

- ___ Heavy sleeping bag
- ___ Extra Blanket
- ___ Pillow (optional)
- ___ Pajamas
- ___ Sleep pad or air mattress (Camp Kiwanilong only)

CLOTHING:

(BOLD are essentials)

- ___ **2 pairs of long pants**
- ___ 1 pairs of shorts for in-camp use (late spring and early fall only)
- ___ **Long underwear (wool or polypropylene, no cotton)**
- ___ **Warm wool/fleece sweater or heavy wool shirt**
- ___ Long sleeved shirt
- ___ Appropriate number of t-shirts
- ___ **Warm jacket**
- ___ **Waterproof Raincoat and pants or poncho**
- ___ Broad-brimmed hat for sun protection
- ___ **Knit wool hat and warm gloves**
- ___ Synthetic or wool socks (avoid cotton)
- ___ Underwear
- ___ Boots or high-topped tennis shoes (well fitting, broken in, & waterproof)
- ___ Comfortable shoes fir in-camp use
- ___ Swimsuit for showering (Kiwanilong has communal showers that might make some students uncomfortable; showering with a swimsuit is one way to alleviate this.)
- ___ Old shoes or sandals for wading

PERSONAL GEAR:

- ___ **Lunch & dink for first day (DO NOT PACK WITH LUGGAGE!)**
- ___ Toiletries: soap and container, shampoo, toothbrush/toothpaste, comb/brush
- ___ Wash cloth and towel
- ___ Sunscreen and lip balm with sun screen
- ___ Alarm Clock (for chaperones)
- ___ **BUG REPELLENT**

EQUIPMENT:

- ___ Day pack to carry lunch and field gear
- ___ Flashlight with extra batteries and bulb
- ___ Water bottle or canteen (1 liter or 1 quart bottle, minimum, that is water tight)
- ___ The Field Book and 2 or 3 pencils/pens
- ___ Small pencil sharpener

OPTIONAL:

- ___ Camera and film
- ___ Binoculars (highly recommended)
- ___ Field guides (birds, insects, rocks and minerals, etc.)
- ___ Hand lens or small magnifying glass
- ___ Sunglasses
- ___ Money, a variety of useful souvenirs may be purchased from \$5-\$25 each: Hooded sweatshirts \$25; hats \$15, T-shirts \$10, water bottles \$10, lanyards \$5

All students need to bring a lunch for the first day of their program.

*Especially for early spring and late fall groups.

Please do not bring any electrical equipment (cell phones, radios, computer games, blow dryers). **Please do not bring snacks or candy** (squirrels and mice are attracted, and will damage the food and other items). **All clothing and gear should be marked with the owner's name.** OMSI is not responsible for lost items. Found items will be kept at camp for two weeks. Please call your group leader as soon as possible to arrange for their return. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity.