

MPC at Tahoe Suggested Packing List

<p>Sleeping Area Sleeping pad or cot (air mattress not recommended- it's colder! If you still want to use an air mattress, put newspaper or wool blanket under it to insulate from the cold ground) Broom & Dust Pan Pillows Sleeping bags Tarp Tent Extra blankets (pro tip: Sew the blanket across the bottom & half way up the side - slip your sleeping bag into the blanket pocket & it won't fall off during the night.) Battery lanterns, flashlights, LED headlamp</p> <p>Personal Items Water bottle Aspirin/Tylenol Bath soap Bath towels and washcloths Hat Insect repellent Tissues Lip balm / Moisturizing lotion Clothing for hot or cold weather Rain gear Umbrella Shampoo Sunscreen, hat, sunglasses Alarm clock Toiletries: toothbrush & toothpaste, hairbrush, razor Shower caddy Shower shoes Books (especially nature books), Bible</p> <p>Just for Fun Art supplies Backpack/daypack Ball, bat, glove, badminton set Beach toys, including sand castle tools Binoculars Bicycles and helmets Camera Fishing gear Games/playing cards Hammock Musical Instruments Journal Props for skit night Boat/raft/inner tube Scissors Songbooks</p>	<p>Miscellaneous Folding Chairs Hatchet Folding shovel Batteries Clothesline & clothespins First aid kit Hammer & screwdriver Pliers Duct tape Scotch tape Face mask, hand sanitizer, that fun stuff</p> <p>Camp Kitchen Aluminum foil Plastic Baggies Bucket (for fetching water) & bottles to store water Can/Bottle opener Coffee pot Cooking pots and frying pan Ice chests (must fit inside a 45" by 18" by 33" bear box) Corkscrew Cutting board Dishtowels Dishpan & soap Folding table Food Griddle Ice Knives Marshmallow sticks/skewers Matches Napkins Paper Towels Seasonings Eating, serving, cooking utensils Spatula Sponges/squeegee/potscrubbers Stove & fuel Tablecloths Thermos Cups & mugs Plates & bowls Grater Potholders Vegetable peeler Trash bags Regular Lysol – to cover up scents for bears!</p>
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MPC at Tahoe Rules

CAMPING WITH BEARS

We see bears every year during MPC at Tahoe, and they may be around camp more this year due to the drought. South Lake Tahoe bears look for easy food opportunities, (thus, the rule about no pets). While bear stories are fun to tell, it is crucial what we all make our camp sites a bear-free zone:

- **USE YOUR BEAR BOX AND KEEP IT LATCHED.**
- Keep your campsite clear. Leaving food, trash and other items with odors in the open or in your tent is bear bait. Camp Richardson's garbage bins are designed to be bear-proof. Please dispose of your garbage every evening before going to bed and during the day before leaving the campground. Ground squirrels and chipmunks love to tear through garbage bags, go into open bear boxes, eat leftovers, and happily leave their droppings behind!
- Keep your tent a food-free zone. Do not eat or store food or toiletries in your tent. Lemon-Verbena shampoo may only smell good enough to eat, but a bear won't know that. Store food and toiletries in your bear box, in your trunk, or covered in your vehicle.
- Some people bring a can of Lysol, or mix a 50/50 solution of ammonia and water to spray down the picnic table, tent exterior, and around the cooking area to get rid of food odors. Please keep out of reach of children.
- Burn off food residue on your grill or stove. Thoroughly incinerate grease/food particles.
- Don't sleep where you cook. Cooking areas should be as far away as possible from your tent. Don't sleep in clothing worn while cooking. If you've cooked something especially fragrant, store the clothes worn in plastic bags or in your vehicle.
- Hide your cooler in your bear box. Experienced bears recognize coolers! They have been known to open car doors and damage cars to reach a cooler.

Camp Richardson has other tips and information regarding bears and wildlife posted at the campground and lodge. Be sure you read and share this information with everyone in your campsite.

CURFEW

Quiet time begins at 9:30 p.m. Getting young children to bed at a reasonable time makes for happier children the next day, which correlates with having happier parents.

ALCOHOL

Please use and store alcoholic beverages responsibly, knowing that there are children of all ages present for whom adults are modeling behavior. The use of illegal drugs is not tolerated at MPC at Tahoe.

WHO'S WATCHING THE KIDS (Children & Youth)

During the morning program, children and youth will have supervised activities with their age groups. At all other times we ask that parents not leave children under the age of 12 unsupervised at camp and especially at the beach. Please find another adult who will be responsible for your child if you have to leave camp. We also ask that children not bring toy guns, including water guns, in keeping with the encouragement of positive (peace- loving) play.

NO PETS

Pets are not permitted anywhere within the Camp Richardson Resort area.