



# Montana Expedition Packing List

## PACKING FOR YOUR TRIP

- Label the following items with your name, address, and phone number.
- If you are flying to your trip start, you should wear your hiking boots/shoes on the plane and carry your sleeping bag and sleeping pad on the plane with you (in case your checked luggage fails to arrive on time.)
- You will have the chance to do laundry periodically, so please stick to the packing list and bring only the clothes and items listed below.
- To keep equipment costs to a minimum, LFFE has a rental program for certain high-priced items. Items that can be rented from LFFE are marked with an \*.
- If you're renting a backpack, it will be ready for you when you arrive. For travel, please pack your things in a duffel or rolling/wheeled bag. (We will, of course, have space to store your luggage during the trip.)
- If you have any questions, please contact our office at 828-577-8204 or email [info@lillardflyfishing.com](mailto:info@lillardflyfishing.com)

## CLOTHING

- Fleece Jacket** The fleece should be medium to heavyweight and reasonably compact.
- Winter Hat and Gloves** For cool nights in camp.
- Waterproof & Breathable Rain Jacket and Rain Pants** Your rain gear must be waterproof and breathable.
- Hiking/Fishing Shorts** Two or three pairs of synthetic (not cotton) shorts. Athletic shorts or hiking shorts work well.
- Fishing Pants** Quick dry synthetic hiking/fishing pants.
- T-Shirts** Three synthetic t-shirts.
- 1 Long Sleeve Shirt**
- Underwear** Six pairs.



- Socks** Six pairs.
- Wading Sandals** These must have a heel strap for fishing, swimming, and wearing around camp. Flip-flops or Crocs are not acceptable for wading in moving rivers. Fishing-specific sandals or secure sandals such as Chacos, Tevas, or Keens all work great.
- Sneakers/Tennis Shoes** Something you don't mind getting dirty and wet.
- Bathing Suit**
- Jeans** 1 pair of jeans or other casual pants.

## CAMPING & HIKING EQUIPMENT

- Hiking Shoes/Boots** Waterproof hiking boots or shoes that are mid to high cut. Choose a comfortable shoe or boot designed for hiking with a medium weight pack.
- \*Backpack** We recommend a pack that holds 65 – 85 liters. For comparison, a standard school backpack is about 25 liters. Before you purchase a backpack, find your backpack size by measuring your torso length and hips. We recommend getting fitted at a store where you can try on a few different packs.
- \*Sleeping Bag and Stuff Sack** We recommend a lightweight, compact sleeping bag (synthetic or down) rated to 20° or less. Your sleeping bag should compress into a stuff sack that can be cinched down to 12-20" in length.
- \*Sleeping Pad** A full or 3/4 length mattress pad that is inflatable or made of closed-cell foam.
- Day Pack** Your day pack can be used as a carry-on for your flight and will be necessary for daily fishing trips. This can be a very basic backpack, maybe even just your school backpack. It should be big enough to hold your lunch, 2 water bottles, snacks, your fleece, and a rain jacket.
- Headlamp & Extra Batteries**
- Water Bottles** Two 1-liter Nalgene (or similar) water bottles. A Camelback or similar water bladder also works.



- Bowl, Mug & Utensils** For meals, you will need a 6-8" plastic dish or bowl. The bowl can be a rigid Tupperware-like material or collapsible. A spork or a set of lightweight silverware. If hot chocolate around the campfire sounds good to you, pack an insulated mug as well.
- Small Safety Whistle**

## FISHING GEAR

- \*Fly Rod (3-5 Weight)** 5 weight fly rods are the most versatile size for trout fishing. We recommend an 8-9ft 5 weight rod.
- Sunglasses** Polarized glasses are essential for fly fishing and safety.
- Sunglass Retainer** Chums, Croakies, or similar.
- \*Fishing Tackle** (All of the items below can be purchased from LFFE as a complete "Tackle Lanyard" or brought by you.)
  - 1 Tube of fly "Floatant"**
  - 1 Small Fly Box** We provide a selection of flies.
  - 3 Tippet Spools** One of each in sizes 3x, 4x, and 5x.
  - 4 9ft Tapered Leaders** size 3x or 4x.
  - 1 Pair of Nippers** Small clippers for cutting line (nail clippers work well).
  - 1 Pair of Forceps** Small locking pliers.

## MISCELLANEOUS GEAR

- Towel** Medium size cotton towel or synthetic camping towel.
- Plastic Bags** Ten Large 1-gallon Ziploc bags used to organize and waterproof your gear and small items.
- Toiletries** All items should be travel size. If necessary, you will be able to restock during the trip.
- Moleskin or Molefoam** One full package for blister protection.
- Mesh Laundry Bag**
- Hat with Visor**



- Wristwatch** Inexpensive and waterproof.
- Sunscreen (SPF 15+) & Chapstick (with SPF protection)** Please bring ample amounts of sunscreen.
- Insect Repellent**
- Personal Journal or Notebook**
- Spending Money** \$50/week in cash or a debit/credit card. We'll make stops at local fly shops during the trip – participants may want to add specialty flies to their box.

## OPTIONAL GEAR

- Book**
- Neoprene Wet Wading Socks** These can help cut down on blisters from the rubbing of wet sandal straps.
- Camp Chair** Crazy Creek or similar
- Digital Camera & Extra Batteries** Great for documenting the trip. (CampSnap cameras are a great option – use “XXXXX” for a 20% discount)
- GO Pro** Or similar compact/durable movie camera.
- Camp Pillow**
- A Selection of your favorite flies**
- Hammock** Lightweight brands made for backpacking.
- Fishing Net** with rubber net material.



## **Please note the following important Cell Phone, Electronics, and Personal Property Policies:**

Our programs offer the opportunity to strengthen independence and self-reliance. To maximize these benefits, we do not permit phone calls to or from our students (except in the case of emergency).

If it is important for your son or daughter to be able to call you while enroute to LFFE, our policy is as follows: On arrival, we will collect and store all phones (and other electronic devices). While we do not anticipate issues, phones could be lost, damaged, or stolen. Due to the expense involved in replacing these items, we cannot take responsibility for phones, electronics, or personal property brought by students and **we will not make any reimbursements** for lost, damaged or stolen phones, electronics, or personal property.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

- To maximize independence and self-reliance, we do not permit phone calls, emails, or text messages to or from our students (except in the case of an emergency).
- Your child will call home with our phones and assistance on arrival and departure if he/she flies to his/her program.
- In the case of an emergency, we will make sure you are in touch with your child as soon as possible.

### **CELL PHONES**

- Cell phone use is prohibited on all LFFE programs.
- Any phone brought by a student will be collected by LFFE on arrival and returned at departure.

### **PERSONAL ELECTRONICS**

- We do not permit personal electronics (e.g. Kindles or iPads).
- Any electronics brought by a student will be collected by us on arrival and returned at departure.

### **PERSONAL PROPERTY**

- Lillard Fly Fishing Expeditions is not responsible for any student's personal property—including but not limited to: phones, electronics, cameras, camping/fishing equipment, and clothing. Please schedule all expensive items on your homeowners insurance policy to ensure that your child/ward's personal property and equipment is covered against loss, damage or theft.

Questions or concerns? Please give us a call (828) 577-8204