

## WHAT TO PACK

### PACKING FOR YOUR PLAT

#### **MUST HAVES:**

- Big ol' bug net to go over your bed. Nature = Bugs! Protect yo' self!
- Walls - old bed sheets, tarps, or fabric work well stapled to the frame. You can get fancier with wood but you need to provide the building material and take it down at the end of the summer
- Candles / lanterns / lighters – do not bring scented, beeswax or soy candles (they attract bugs and mice). Citronella is good.
- A bed or thick foam – Treat yo' self! Trust us - you are going to want a full-on bed.
- Your Bedding – whatever keeps you cozy plus a few extra blankets for spring (fleece is good)
- Something to raise your bed to prevent mold - Milk crates or a simple bed frame work well
- Warm clothes and socks – spring nights can be chilly (more info in Clothes section)

#### **NICE TO HAVE:**

- Floor covering –it is nice to have mats or rugs
- A head lamp
- Bug repellent – incense &/or bug spray
- Bed side table &/or shelf
- Ropes for hanging things
- Hangers – it is easy to build a “makeshift closet” on your platform using fallen branches

#### **NOT RECOMMENDED:**

- Air beds / Thermarests – deflate fast and not comfy on a wooden platform
- Tents - it greatly reduces your usable space.

#### **NOT ALLOWED:**

- FOOD! Be Bear Aware. Please no temptations for wildlife on your platform.

#### **GOOD TO KNOW:**

- We have tools for you to use! You *must* provide the staples, nails, screws, etc.
- If you have to pack light we have a staff dorm for you to stay while you “build your plat”
- Where to keep valuables? Locked in your car or there will be a spot you can keep it at MKC
- Don't stress on bringing everything! Your plat will come together faster and easier than you expect for little to no cost.

#### **NEARBY STORES:**

- Second hand store called “Madonna House”, open Thursday and Saturdays 2-4pm
- Home Hardware – for nails, ropes, staples, etc.

#### **\*IMPORTANT\*:**

- Anything you do to “transform” your platform must be taken down at summers end.

## **CLOTHING**

When packing, keep in mind that you will be wearing your uniform frequently, and will likely not need as much as expected. Any items you feel are missing can likely be found at our beloved local thrift shop. Less is more! It is also important to consider is that you will be eating meals with our students and interacting with them often.

### **Our Uniform includes:**

- 2 x MKC T-shirts (colours rotate daily and must be kept clean)
- 1 x MKC jacket
- 1 x Dark shorts
- You may wear other dark bottoms but please no ripped, patterned, or light-coloured bottoms
- Wear proper footwear. Closed-toed shoes must be worn in the Kitchen, Garage and for Operations duties. Bare feet not allowed indoors

### **Useful Off-time clothing:**

- Chilly evening clothes: Fleece tops, wool socks, warm pants, gloves, rain gear and a hat for spring nights
- Summer clothes – whatever you normally wear
- Swim suits and towels
- Sports clothes (synthetic is best – no cotton)
- Paddling gear: All necessary gear will be available to borrow but must be returned to our rental room.
- Shoes: for paddling you will want either good sandals with back straps, or proper neoprene booties. Running shoes, sandals and water-proof shoes (rubber boots) are all good to bring.

### **Other:**

- Toiletries - avoid sweet smelling stuff – blackfly season is at its peak from mid- May to late-June. We have a staff bathroom where you can keep your toiletries.
- Bug jacket / hat – this isn't necessary but is recommended
- Laundry detergent – we have laundry onsite but you will need to provide your own soap.

*Get ready to live "Lost Boys style" this summer friends 😊!*

