



## Round River Program Essentials Packing List

While the complete program packing list will cover everything you might need, this essentials guide focuses on the critical items that will make your experience smooth and enjoyable. These are the must-have, big-ticket items that you'll rely on throughout your journey. Be sure to prioritize these when packing to ensure you're well-prepared for the semester ahead. You will receive a comprehensive, program-specific packing list after enrolling in a program.

### Chile, Canada, Mongolia, and USA Programs

#### Camping Equipment

- Tent, 3-season backpacking
  - Each student must have their own tent. It should be durable, waterproof, windproof, and have enough room for you and your gear. It is extremely important that your tent is high-quality, and that it can withstand three months of camping in very high winds, rain, possible snow, as well as sun exposure. We do NOT recommend bringing an ultra-light tent. We recommend a 2-person tent. You will sleep in this every night while at base camp and will have the option to share tents with one other student when backpacking.
  
- Sleeping bag

Your sleeping bag should be lightweight and suitable for backpacking but should also be high quality and warm enough for you.

  - Mongolia Fall: A bag rated 0°F is required.
  - Patagonia and Mongolia Summer: A bag rated to *at least 15°F*. You may want a warmer bag (i.e. 0°F), especially if you are typically cold at night.
  - Canada and USA: A bag rated 15 to 30°F.
  
- Sleeping pad
  - Your sleeping pad must be lightweight and warm, with an R-value between 3-5.

- Large backpacking backpack (at least 65L, larger recommended)

### Field Equipment

- Binoculars
  - Each student will need a pair of binoculars; you will use these daily. High quality binoculars are a very good investment, will not become obsolete, and can last a lifetime. Binoculars should be 8x to 10x power. [8 x 42 or 10 x 42](#) are good sizes to consider. A few good options are from [Vortex](#) and [Nikon](#), and [B&H Photo](#) is a good online vendor.
- Laptop Computer with offline text-editing software (e.g. Microsoft)

### Clothing/Footwear

- Sturdy hiking boots with ankle support
  - You will wear your hiking boots almost every day on mountainous, rocky, and steep terrain, therefore good hiking boots are indispensable. Please make sure your boots are sturdy, comfortable, are water resistant, and provide ankle support. We recommend high quality leather or Gore-tex boots.
- Warm puffy outer layer jacket
  - Check weather and climate information on our program pages. We recommend 2 puffy outer layer jackets of varying weights for our Chile program.

## Botswana Program

### Field Equipment

- Binoculars
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- Laptop computer with offline text-editing software (e.g. Microsoft)

# Nepal Program

## Camping Equipment

### □ Sleeping bag

Your sleeping bag should be lightweight and suitable for backpacking but should also be high quality and warm enough for you. You will use your sleeping bag as your bedding when sleeping in tea houses. We recommend a bag rated 15 to 30°F.

### □ Sleeping pad

- Your sleeping pad should be lightweight and not overly bulky. Foam accordion pads or inflatable pads are acceptable.

### □ Mid-size backpacking backpack (35–50L recommended)

## Field Equipment

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### □ Laptop computer with offline text-editing software (e.g. Microsoft)

## Clothing/Footwear

### □ Sturdy hiking boots with ankle support

- You will wear your hiking boots almost every day on mountainous, rocky, and steep terrain, therefore good hiking boots are indispensable. Please make sure your boots are sturdy, comfortable, are water-resistant, and provide ankle support. We recommend high quality leather or Gore-tex boots.

### □ Warm puffy outer layer jacket

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