WHAT TO PACK *for your Mission Trip*

If you're going to Puerto Rico, use the PR Packing List.

CLOTHING

Bring clothes that you can work and play hard in – clothes you wouldn't mind getting mud, dirt, or paint on. Your clothes should cover all undergarments when you move around.

We have clothing requirements to honor the requests of our Service/Community Partners. **Please follow this packing list:**

- ☐ **Shorts** with at least a three-inch inseam
- ☐ **Long pants** - Some service sites require these.
- ☐ **Short-sleeved shirts / T-shirts** (**not tank tops** or sleeveless shirts)
- ☐ **Long-sleeved shirt**, sweatshirt, or light jacket for cool nights
- ☐ **Underwear and socks**
- ☐ **Tennis shoes or work boots that cover your whole foot** that can get dirty and/or wet. You'll wear these to service sites and in the kitchen. You can bring a pair of other shoes or sandals for the housing site.
- ☐ **Comfortable swimsuit** for high levels of activity and for privacy in the shower, if necessary
- ☐ **Shower shoes**

PACKING NOTES

Because space is limited in the sleeping rooms, everything but your sleeping bag and camping pad or air mattress should fit in **one duffel bag or suitcase.**

Please **check the weather forecast** for the community you are visiting to help you know how to pack.

Coordinate with others to make sure that as a group you have some of the following:

- ☐ Insect repellant
- ☐ Sunscreen

Ask your Trip Leader about any community-specific packing notes they received via email in the spring.

OTHER STUFF

- ☐ **Small shower bag or backpack**
- ☐ **Towel and washcloth**
- ☐ **Toiletries** (soap, shampoo, hairbrush, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, contact lenses, backup glasses, etc.)
- ☐ **Sleeping bag and pillow**
- ☐ **Twin-size air mattress** or camping pad for sleeping on the floor
- ☐ **Pair of work gloves** (something like these for yard work, gardening, trash pickup, etc.)
- ☐ **Spending money** for snacks/souvenirs from the community or the YouthWorks Store* - Talk to your Trip Leader for further details.

  **The YW Store is CASHLESS. You can order from the store before your trip to get YW merch delivered to your house or you can buy items on site with a credit card.*

- ☐ **Bible and pen**
- ☐ **Reusable water bottle**
- ☐ **Hat and/or sunglasses**

PLEASE DO NOT BRING...

Blow dryers, curling irons, or straighteners. Shower time is short and many of our housing sites do not have the power to run all these small electronics at one time.

Electronic devices, too much cash, or other valuables that you would consider to be irreplaceable. Also, consider leaving your phone at home. These items can distract you from others during the trip and may be susceptible to theft. YouthWorks is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.

Clothing with obscene, vulgar, threatening, abusive, or discriminatory language or images. Do not bring any apparel that represents hate groups or is gang-related, or any apparel that promotes alcohol, chemicals, tobacco, or any other product illegal for use by minors.

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