Equipment List: Habitat Crew

Habitat Crew will be staying in the basement of a local church. There will be access to a full kitchen and bathrooms, but showers will be accessed back on the UVM campus only a few times during the week. This means, it is important for you to prepare appropriately! While you will not be hiking or moving from site to site, space is very limited at our host churches, so please do not bring items not on this list. Thanks for your cooperation.

Purchasing Equipment:

While we want you to bring equipment that will ensure an enjoyable experience, we also recognize that prices for equipment can add up quickly. Listed below are some other money-saving ideas for Service TREK equipment:

1. You can usually get some great deals online if you check out sites that specialize in discounted brand name gear like campmor.com or sierratradingpost.com. Stores like L.L. Bean and REI also tend to post sale items online. Many stores offer college student discounts, so bring along your CatCard!

2. Thrift shops, Army Surplus stores, and Outdoor Gear Exchange (here in Burlington) shops often have raingear, wool pants, and long underwear at lower costs than sporting goods stores. The quality is usually good!

3. TREKKIES who are awarded TREK financial support have the option for a no-cost rental from the UVM Outing Club. If you have any questions about this, please get in touch with our logistics team at strek@uvm.edu.

Recommended Clothing and Personal Gear:

- 1 pair of jeans or comfortable work pants
- 1 pair of pants that can be worn in rainy conditions
- 2 pairs of comfortable shorts
- 1 pair of sweatpants (fleece preferred)
- 1 heavy cotton or fleece sweater
- 1 light nylon windbreaker (optional, but good anti-mosquito layer)
- 4 T-shirts
- 1 waterproof rain jacket (no ponchos, breathable preferred)
- 5 pairs of underwear
- 1 bathing suit
- 1 pair of comfortable closed-toe shoes (sneakers or hiking boots)
- 1 baseball cap or sun visor
- 1 day-trip backpack
- 1 sleeping bag
- 1 foam sleeping foam pad (such as Ensolite, Thermarest, or Ridge Rest)
- 1 one-quart water bottle
- toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, sunscreen, lip balm, soap, shampoo)
- 1 towel
- 5 pairs of socks
- 1 pair of heavy-duty work gloves
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- 1 light nylon windbreaker
- 1 day-trip backpack
- 1 sleeping bag
- 1 foam sleeping foam pad (such as Ensolite, Thermarest, or Ridge Rest)
- 1 one-quart water bottle
- toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, sunscreen, lip balm, soap, shampoo)
- 1 towel

*If you wear contact lenses, please bring a pair of glasses as a back-up!*

*Make sure to bring your prescription glasses as a backup if you normally wear contacts!*  
*Shower facilities are only guaranteed a few times during the week. (You can make it!)*  
*please note, some service projects may result in dirty or stained clothes (e.g., trail work, painting)*

Other optional items: personal journal, favorite recipe for a group, gaiters, sunglasses, cotton bandanas, camera, small musical instrument, readings to share, hackey sack, sandals for evening.
Packing your Gear: The better you pack your gear, the more space you will have to fit incidentals and the easier it will be to find things. Here are a few tips on conserving space.

1. All of your gear (with the exception of your sleeping bag and pad) should be packed in either a duffel bag or backpack. Space is a serious factor; you may not bring anything not on the list.
2. If you are allergic to bee stings or use an inhaler, please keep your medicine easily accessible.

Service TREK
UN-equipment List: Habitat Crew

The following is a list of items that you may NOT bring with you on TREK. These items are considered hazardous to personal safety and to the safety of other group members and/or the environment. In order to provide all TREK participants with a safe environment please do not bring these items on TREK:

- Alcohol and other drugs*
- Cigars, cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vapes, and chewing tobacco
- Fireworks
- Hatchets or survival knives (blades more than three inches long)
- Laptops, tablets and other expensive personal technology items
- Curling irons/straighteners/hair dryers
- To conserve space, any other clothing not listed on the equipment sheet (no extra layers, sweatshirts, sweatpants, etc.)

*As Service TREK is a university program, possession of illegal substances must be reported to the campus judicial system and the University of Vermont Police. Drugs, alcohol, controlled substances, and fireworks are not allowed on campus.

If you bring other items listed with you to campus (i.e. TV, curling iron, extra clothing), please store them with your belongings in the residence hall until you return from TREK. Please make intelligent choices in this regard. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our office at (802) 656-2060.

TREK is a Substance & Tech Free Adventure:
In addition to bringing appropriate gear, you are required to abstain from the use of tobacco (cigarettes or chewing), alcohol, and other drugs while participating on Service TREK. This policy is designed to ensure the safety and inclusion of all members of the group, and our first priority with TREK is to provide for the physical and emotional safety of all participants. Violation of this policy will result in your removal from the TREK program and disciplinary action from the university judicial system. Not a great way to kick off your UVM experience, so keep it substance-free!

Also, we highly encourage that you un-plug for TREK. In order for you to completely immerse yourself in meeting your new BFFs and doing some important work for the community, we need you to be fully present. You may bring your phone; most Service TREK groups will create ground rules for “technology time.” Don’t worry, if you absolutely need to get in touch with loved ones (or they with you) for emergencies, TREK leaders will also have cell phones and as the Service TREK Director I will be on call and accessible during the whole trip.

Let’s Recap –
- Pack it vs. Don’t Pack it - please follow our guidelines.
- No drugs, booze, or smoking. Period.
- Unplug - we want all of you!
- Get ready for an adventure!

See you all very soon!
Laura Megivern, Director of Service TREK