Apprentice On-Campus Packing List

Apprentices live in the West Building (constructed in January 2011). The first floor of this building consists of student bathroom and laundry facilities and the faculty on duty (FOD) room. Part of the second and third floor is where the Residential Life Faculty resides. The remainder of the building consists of a conference room, small kitchen, a lounge, a mudroom, and bathrooms. Upstairs are two large communal rooms separated by a door. Each apprentice will have a twin bed, a dresser, and some shelving for personal use.
THINGS TO BRING

- Clothes to wear on-campus and during time off
  
  We do not provide a specific list of exactly what clothes to bring to campus but bearing the following in mind should help:
  
    1) As noted in the Apprentice Handbook: We ask that the faculty, apprentices, and students set a standard that respects the learning environment. Considering that students will always dress one step down from community grown-ups, we ask that faculty and apprentices wear slacks or skirts and collared or nice shirts/sweaters in the classroom. T-shirts, jeans, work clothes and sneakers are fine for chopping wood, working in the kitchen, activities, weekends and so forth.

    2) We spend a lot of time during the semester living out of our backpacks. We are able to carry everything we need for weeks at a time. As a result, when we return to campus, a few additional items feel like real luxuries. So in the spirit of "simple in means, rich in ends," please limit the quantity of stuff you bring.

    3) The emphasis at our school is on comfortable, practical, appropriate clothing that demonstrates respect for the various learning environments. All clothes should be clean, neat, and in good repair.

    4) The temperature range in Leadville during the semester may be from -10 degrees F to 70 degrees F. Both semesters are likely to average around 40 degrees with bright sunshine. It will be colder during the spring semester.

    5) You will need only one set of nice clothes (a tie or nice women's clothes) for semi-formal dinners and other special events on campus.

    6) You will have a chance to do laundry on campus whenever you choose.

- Sheets, blankets or a comforter (for regular length twin beds), pillow and pillowcase (one set is plenty)
  
  Note: You can rent a set of bedding for $20 (half of which you get back upon return)

- Towel and washcloth (there are tons of towels left behind from students which we turn into rags. You are welcome to take one from the pile).

- Laundry bag for carrying laundry to the Main Building (or just a duffle bag).

- Watch with an alarm

- Toiletries

- Everything on the WILDERNESS EQUIPMENT LIST

OPTIONAL THINGS TO BRING

- Musical Instruments (guitar, flute, recorder, bongo drum, etc.)

- Alarm clock (battery powered)

- Winter Boots (Fall students can just use their hiking boots. Spring semester students especially may want to bring snow boots that are easier to slip on and off, such as Sorrels®. Snow boots are not required, so if you live in a warm climate, there is no need to purchase them)

- Book bag or small backpack to store and carry books on campus. This should be different from any day pack or backpack used on expedition

- iPod or MP3 player

- Lap Top Computer (If you have access to a laptop, we encourage you to bring it but you should not feel the need to buy one as there are computers available on campus.)

- Camera and battery charger if needed

- USB Key or jump drive (maybe not necessary, we sell them in the bookstore)

- Reusable canvas bag for groceries (you can also buy one with the HMI logo once you get here, or rent one for no cost for the semester.)

- Decorations for your living space (pictures, posters, etc).

- Downhill Skis (CO ski resorts are open from December-April. Telemark gear is available for use)

- Nordic Skis (25K of free groomed trails are within 5mi of campus. Nordic skis are available for use)

- Bikes (Leadville has lots of mountain bike trails. Trails are dry from May until October. There is also good road riding as well. Cruiser bikes are available for use.)

- Vehicle (Town is 5 miles away and it's nice to get off-campus once in awhile, but not necessary)