

WHAT TO PACK FOR CHICAGO IN APRIL...

THIS APRIL?? Who knows!! This is tricky as Chicago can still be ice & snow, high winds & FREEZING!!! Or it can be mild, sunny & gorgeous. Please use your BEST judgment in packing & listen for a Chicago weather report PRIOR to packing.

YES! BRING THE FOLLOWING:

- AMTRAK trains only allow 2 bags per person & a carry on. There is NOT a secure luggage check-in. All luggage is held in a general area on the train.
- AS counselors will have all of their own supplies, help will be very limited in helping others carry bags. Please pack very conservatively.
- At the hostel, a 2x4 locker is provided for them in their room – please provide a lock for their locker (either key or combination)
- The Hostel provides bed linens, blankets & pillow. They ask that sleeping bags are NOT used.
- Each child will need a backpack large enough to carry a sack lunch & water bottles.
- 3 days of casual, comfortable attire for tours indoors – COMFY SHOES are a MUST!
- For church on Sunday we are requiring nice clothes as we will be worshipping as a group at Fourth Presbyterian, downtown Chicago.. No tennis shoes please (if possible!)
- Pajamas, underwear & extra socks (just in case yours get wet in snow or rain).
- bath towel, face cloths, etc.
- Warm jackets, etc. WATCH WEATHER REPORT!
- Shampoo, comb/brush, toiletries
- Flashlite & a favorite book to read, small travel game?
- Garbage bag or laundry bag for dirty clothes
- A Desire to have FUN!!

NO! DO NOT PACK THE FOLLOWING:

- Do NOT bring food, aspirin, or valuables.
- Do NOT pack medications (give to the counselors!)
- Do NOT pack money (give to the counselors!!)
- **Do NOT bring radios, CD players or tape players**
- Cell phone use is allowed BUT!!! * We know that phones are also cameras/alarm clocks/ just about everything these days!! We DO NOT want to see texting of friends & phone calls during the day as we want kids to be in the “moment” with the friends standing in front of them! Parents, please refrain from calling your kids!

Do not pack sleeping bags and excess things to carry.