



What to Bring to the Pioneer Ranch Christmas Camp

We're really happy that you are planning to come to Christmas Camp at Pioneer Ranch!

Some Suggestions for What to Bring to Camp:

- Casual clothes—things like jeans, sweaters, fleece shirts, sweatshirts. You do not need any “special occasion” clothes.
- A warm coat and something to keep your head warm. If your coat doesn't have a hood, bring a hat or scarf.
- Warm winter boots, the kind you can wear for a walk in the woods, not dress-up city boots. They should have space inside for thick warm socks. Bring more than one pair of warm socks, because sometimes you get snow in your boots and your socks get wet. That makes your feet really cold!
- Long underwear. (If you don't know what that is, ask us!)
- Warm pyjamas to wear to bed.
- Warm gloves or mitts. Mitts are warmer than gloves.
- A warm sleeping bag. If you don't have a sleeping bag, and can't borrow one, bring sheets and blankets. Bring a small pillow. Most of the beds are single size (1 person) but there are some double beds.
- Towel, facecloth, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc. We will all have to use the washrooms in the Main Lodge, so it would be convenient to have a little bag to carry your things from your cabin to the Lodge.
- For inside the Lodge, bring slippers or light shoes. You will wear your boots whenever you go outside, so shoes that you can put on and take off easily are good.
- If you have your own skates or cross-country skis, bring them. If you can borrow some from a friend, that would be great. We will have a limited number of skates and skis at the camp that you can borrow.

On one of the evenings at camp, we will have a fun gift-exchange game. Everyone should bring a small gift to give to someone else. Bring the same number of gifts as there are people in your family. The gifts can be things for a man, a woman, or a child. It doesn't matter. Please wrap the gifts to put under the Christmas tree, but don't write any names on them.

Here are some ideas:

- If you buy a gift for this game, it should not cost more than about \$5 or \$6. Even less would be better, and free would be best of all.
- You might have something at your house that you really don't want, and have no use for. Perhaps someone gave you a little gift, and you have never used it and don't really like it. That would be a perfect gift to bring.
- Something funny or silly makes a great gift.
- If you don't have something at home, try shopping in a dollar store or a thrift store like Value Village.
- If you don't have anything at home to give away and you can't find a funny gift, a little box of candy or nuts, or a nice candle, or a box of tea, or something like that would be fine.

If there is anything on this page that you don't understand, ask us!

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