



2010 Gap Year Packing List

****Travel is easier and more comfortable with less stuff. Make life easy - pack lighter!****

Kayak Gear (All gear should be packed in your gear bag or kayak. Please label everything.)

- Booties
- Pfd
- Helmet
- Skirt
- Paddle/spare optional
- Throw bag
- 1 Long sleeve
- fleece tops
- Short sleeve fleece
- Warm river pants
- Warm river socks
- Ear plugs
- Nose plugs
- 2 carabineers
- River shorts
- Sponge
- Skull cap
- Dry top

Clothing

- 2 t-shirts
- Jacket
- 1 long-sleeve shirts
- 2 pairs of pants
- Underwear
- Shoes
- 1 fleece-type
- warmer top/ or hoodie
- Towel
- River shorts

Other

- Bills Bag 3.8 Dry Backpack or equivalent
- Water bottle
- Sunscreen
- Watch
- Personal toiletries
- Sleeping bag and pad
- Pillow
- Tupper ware bowl/plate
- Knife, fork, spoon
- Mug

Electronics (Following is optional)

Video camera.

Photo Students- 35-mm Digital Single Lense Reflex Camera-

Note : Cameras should be transported in a Pelican Case type of case for their best protection.

Laptop- your choice. Photo and video students need a laptop

Documents

- Passport
- Medical Insurance card

Spending money: We recommend a Visa or MasterCard check card. This will allow parents to place appropriate funds in an account as needed. If the card is lost you simply cancel and replace it. ATMs are abundant in Chile.

Flying with your boat: The cost is estimated at \$80-\$150 each way.

How to pack:

Kayak gear- it is best to put your boat and paddle into a boat and paddle bag. American Airlines lists that they do not accept kayaks, while they do accept surfboards. We have not encountered a problem in the past with our boats in a boat bag. International kayakers refer to the bag as a “*surf ski*, a sit on top surf board” and that it most closely resembles a surfboard. Avoid mentioning “kayak,” as it is a blacklisted word. Bags are not to be more than 115” in total length (L+W+H). You will most likely be charged an oversize fee and should feel lucky if you are not charged. The fee for a surfboard is typically \$80, but this does not mean this will be what you are charged. If the oversize bag weighs more than 50 pounds, then you are supposed to receive another excess fee, but this point more depends on the person at the counter so be nice. If the bag is over 100 pounds, then the bag will not be accepted.

Pad and brace your paddle extremely well. To avoid the chance of the paddle breaking when it is half stuffed in the boat stuff a sleeping bag and pad between the extended paddle and the kayak as a support and brace to the paddle in the case the airline drops the kayak on the exposed paddle within the boat bag.

Paddles that are packed separate from the boat both charged and not charged. This is why you should be prepared to pack the paddle in the boat bag.

Personal gear

1 -3.8 Bills Dry Bag- All your dry gear is expected to transport in this bag.

Gear Bag- All kayak gear will go in this bag. Try to stuff this into your kayak when you fly to reduce your number of bags charged.

Day backpack- Bring a day backpack for cameras and books only.

Personal tent

Which boat do you bring?

New River Academy has a large number of play-boats within our Chile fleet. We recommend you attempt to travel with your creek boat. Persons bringing a creek boat will have free access to our fleet of play boats with the understanding that New River Academy has first option to buy your creek boat at a slightly discounted price from fair market value. Past families have also donated kayaks and earned a tax deduction via NRA non-profit status in order to benefit your tax profile. Your choice to travel with a creek boat keeps this benefit flowing each year. Kayaks rent for \$20/day at local shops. Thus this is a big benefit to you.

School supplies

- Textbooks
- Pens and pencils
- Three ring binder notebooks and paper