

This summer your daughter will be sharing her tent or cabin with four (tent) or nine (cabin) different people.

This means controlling and containing her personal belongings could be a problem, especially if she brings too much stuff!

The problem of too much **STUFF** is especially apparent during inspection and clean-up in the morning and when it is time to go home at the end of a camper's stay. Since each camper has one set of cubbies, which have approximately eight cubic feet of space and the top, a small shelf or cubby in the bathroom, a hook or two and perhaps one or two additional small shelves the issue is: **WHERE TO PUT ALL THE STUFF?!?**

So, **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

- First, look over the clothing list and make sure you are not sending too much to begin with. If, knowing your daughter, you feel that what we have suggested is more than she needs, cut back to what seems reasonable to you. Keep in mind that laundry is done once a week and usually takes one day to get back. Also, girls must wear shoes and socks to participate in most land activities and the items suggested for trips are not optional unless otherwise noted.
- Second, resist the temptation to send a lot of **STUFF** in packages. A letter lovingly written with news from home is truly worth more than a bunch of things that will get lost or broken rolling around in a cabin or tent. Now, I know that your daughter will work to convince you that she **MUST** have a package during the summer, and I know that it is hard for me to resist sending **STUFF** to my nephew who is just across the way at Keewaydin, but less is better.

Let us be guided by the words of Mother Gulick who founded the Aloha camps over one hundred years ago. She encouraged campers to leave behind the unnecessary trappings of city life:

“Most important of all you bring...is what you cannot buy in the best stores of New York or Paris, nor in the bazaars of Istanbul, Cairo or Benares!” She asked that they fill their trunks with humor, courage and good cheer instead.

**Thanks for your help and understanding regarding the issue of STUFF.
We appreciate your cooperation.**

If you need additional copies of this to share with other family members please let us know.