

Wilderness Equipment Checklist

You don't need to tell us what you want to rent or purchase in advance.

We carry high-quality clothing and gear, and strongly encourage students to rent/buy from us to be best prepared for time in the field. We stock plenty of items for all students.

Items are either for rent, purchase, or free (see column below).

Email Justin (jtalbot@hminet.org) with any questions.

Prices subject to change.

Packing Tip: Everything you bring to HMI for the field and on-campus should fit into (2) duffel bags/checked luggage (~90L each) and (1) box/bag for bedding.

Total Needed for Semester	Price to Rent or Purchase	Purchase (P) Rent (R) Free (F)	OVER 75% OF STUDENTS GET FROM HMI	Item:	Notes:
Storage					
1	\$75	R	X	Expedition Backpack (80 - 100 liters) Examples: Gregory Deva , Mountainsmith Apex	HMI uses Osprey brand packs that can be adjusted to fit any size student.
1		F	X	Heavy Duty Large Trash Bags (trash comp. type)	
1		F		Medium Stuff Sack	
3		F		Ziploc Bags (to protect cameras, books & toiletries)	
1	\$20	R	X	"Possibles" Bag Examples: Alps Marmot	Very light day pack, Glorified Stuff Sack Needs to have shoulder straps
Sleeping					
1	\$75	R	X	0 Degree Sleeping Bag Examples: Kelty , Mountain Hardware	Synthetic or Treated Down
1	\$25	R	X	Foam Pad (or Thermarest type air mattress) Examples: FlexMat , ZLite	
1		F	X	Sit Pad	Small piece of foam pad
	\$5	P	X	Ground Cloth	98% of students get from HMI
Feet					
4 Pair	\$17	P		Wool/ Synthetic Socks Examples: REI , Smartwool	
1		NA		Backpacking Boots Examples: LaSportiva , Asolo , Technica , Lowa	Not available at HMI Should fit comfortably with one pair of socks
1		NA		Camp Shoes (sneakers, crocs)	Not available at HMI
1		F	X	Neo Boots with Insulated Booties (Spring Semester Only)	All students get these from HMI
Lower Body Layers					
1	\$41	P		Long Underwear Bottoms Examples: REI , Seirus	One pair
1	\$50	R	X	Puffy Pants	98% of students get from HMI
1		NA		Shorts Examples: Prana ,	Not Available at HMI
1	\$30	R		Hiking Pants Examples: Prana , REI	Thin polyester pants
1	\$70	R		Rain Pants or Goretex Pants	Full side zippers recommended
Upper Body Layers					
2	\$30	P		T-Shirt (synthetic preferred)	
1	\$50	P		Long Underwear Top Example: REI	
1	\$80	P		Hooded Sun Shirt Examples: Black Diamond , Patagonia	
1	\$26	R		Fleece Shirt Examples: Patagonia , Black Diamond	
1	\$42	R		Micro Puff Jacket Examples: Patagonia , Cotapaxi	Synthetic or Treated Down
1	\$70	R	X	Heavy Puff Jacket Examples: Black Diamond	Synthetic or Treated Down

1	\$60	R		Rain or Gore-Tex Jacket	
Head					
1	\$20	P		Neck Gaiter, Scarf, or Buff Example: Buff	
1	\$30	P		Warm Hat or Headband	
	\$17	P		Headband (some people prefer a headband to a warm hat)	
1	\$20	P		Baseball Hat, Visor or other Sun Hat	
1	\$25	P		Sunglasses	
1	\$10	P		Retainer Strap for Sunglasses	
Hands					
1	\$30	P		Mid-weight Gloves Example: Black Diamond	
1	\$50	P	X	Mitten System (Liner and Shell - Liner must be removable) Example: Black Diamond	
Miscellaneous					
2	\$13	P		1 L Nalgene Water Bottle Example: Nalgene	2.5 liters total per person - no water bladders
1	\$11	P	X	1/2 L Nalgene Water Bottle Example: REI	
1	\$10	P	X	Bowl (plastic with lid) Example: Nalgene	
1	\$2	P		Spoon (plastic)	
1	\$40	P		Headlamp Example: Black Diamond	
2 Sets	\$3	P		Extra AAA Batteries for Headlamp	
	\$3	P		AA Batteries (if you have a headlamp that needs them)	
1	\$50	P		Watch w/ Alarm Example: Casio	
	\$7	P		Dermatone (some people bring in addition to lip balm) Example: Skin Protection Dermatone	
2	\$3.50	P		Lip Balm (spf 15 or greater)	
1	\$6	P		Sunscreen (spf 50 or greater)	
2	\$8	P		Bandanas	
7		NA		Underwear	Not Available at HMI
1		P		Toiletries (travel size toothbrush, floss, skin lotion, tampons & comb or hair brush)	
1		P		Notebook/ Classwork/ Pen/ Pencil	
1	\$5	P		Hand Sanitizer	
	\$35	R		Trekking Poles Example: Black Diamond	Recommended for people w lower body injuries
		F		Mosquito Headnet (Summer Programs Only)	
Optional personal items					
		NA		Camera - Optional	Not Available at HMI
		NA		Air Matress Patch Kit (if you bring your own sleeping pad)	Not Available at HMI
	\$10	P		Case for Sunglasses	
		NA		Contacts w/ extra solution	Not Available at HMI
		NA		Crazy Creek Camp Chair	Not Available at HMI
Ski Package - Spring Only					
	\$170	R	X	Ski Package (Boots, Skis, Skins, Poles)	Students cannot bring their own skis
1	\$35	R		Ski Helmet	
1	\$25	R		Ski Goggles	
1		F	X	Transceiver, Avy Shovel	
Do Not Bring					
				Emergency Communications Devices like the Garmin InReach	Instructors will carry HMI satellite devices
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Hammocks	
Pocket knives, blades	
Fire starters	