







IMG Camp Muir Guided Hike Equipment List

Mt. Rainier always presents a myriad of conditions, from very hot to very cold. Having the right equipment is paramount to your success. Below, you will find a detailed list of gear required for this program. Unless otherwise noted, all gear on this list is required. Items that are available to rent are indicated, and feel free to browse our [rental department](#) for modern, high quality mountaineering equipment at a very reasonable price. Please note that advanced reservations for rental equipment on Mt. Rainier is not required.




All programs will include a detailed gear inspection from the lead guide. We want to help you find a layering system that is weight conscious and conditions appropriate. If you are trying to decide between multiple pieces of gear, bring both, and let your guide help you choose. For more info on gear, check out our [Boot Blog](#) and [Layer Guide](#) written by Supervisor Porter McMichael to help you pick the gear that’s right for you.



CLOTHING

Item	Description	Guide Recommendation
Socks 	Bring 1-2 pairs of wool or wool-synthetic blend socks (no cotton). You might also want to bring a pair of thin synthetic liner socks to help prevent blisters. Your socks can be thin or thick, whatever makes your boots fit and will keep your feet warm.	Personal Preference
Lightweight Base Layer Top 	1 non-insulating, moisture wicking synthetic material base layer. This piece should be long-sleeved. Many guides prefer “sun hoodies” for this layer.	Outdoor Research Echo Hoody Men’s/Women’s Black Diamond Alpenglow Hoody Men’s/Women’s
Midweight Insulating 	Bring a mix of midweight insulating layers that you can use in a variety of combinations together to adjust your temperature. A good system could include a fleece pullover, an insulated vest, and a light synthetic/down jacket. Bring 3 distinct layers that are <u>not</u> the same. To read more on mid-layer systems check out our Layer Guide .	Patagonia R1 Men’s/Women’s Arc’teryx Atom Hoody Men’s/Women’s Kailas Mont Men’s/Women’s OR Helium Down Hoody Men’s/Women’s


<p>Soft Shell Jacket</p> 	<p>This jacket is light-midweight, breathable, non-insulated, and semi-waterproof. It will be used to cut the wind when it is too warm for insulating layers.</p>	<p>OR Ferrosi Hoodie Men's/Women's</p> <p>Kailas Mont Soft Shell Men's/Women's</p> <p>Rab Borealis Men's/Women's</p> <p><i>Available to rent at IMG</i></p>
<p>Soft Shell Pants</p> 	<p>Soft shell pants should fit comfortably and provide a small amount of warmth and waterproofing. They should be made from a synthetic softshell material. <u>These are required and cannot be substituted with hard shell pants or athletic "leggings."</u> Thicker hiking pants may be acceptable during July-August programs.</p>	<p>OR Cirque II Men's/Women's</p> <p>Arc'teryx Gamma Pants Men's/Women's</p> <p>Kailas Mont Pants Men's/Women's</p>
<p>Hard Shell Jacket & Pants</p> 	<p>Shell layers should be Gore-Tex or equivalent waterproof material, built to withstand wind and wet conditions.</p> <p>This should be an uninsulated shell, not heavy ski jackets/pants. <u>Pants must have full side-zips so they can be put on while wearing crampons.</u></p>	<p>Women's: OR Aspire II Jacket Men's: OR Foray II Jacket</p> <p>Kailas Mont Shell Jacket Men's/Women's</p> <p>REI Rainier Full-Zip Pants Men's/Women's</p> <p>Black Diamond Stormline Pants Men's/Women's</p> <p><i>Available to rent at IMG</i></p>

HEAD & FACE



Item	Description	Guide Recommendation
<p>Sun Hat</p> 	<p>Brimmed hat for sun protection.</p>	<p>Personal Preference</p> <p><i>Available for Purchase at IMG HQ</i></p>
<p>Warm Hat</p> 	<p>An insulating hat for warmth.</p>	<p>Personal Preference</p>
<p>Buff</p> 	<p>Wicking, synthetic or wool, very lightweight neck gaiter for face protection.</p>	<p>IMG logo Buff</p> <p><i>Available for Purchase at IMG HQ</i></p>



<p>Glacier Glasses</p> 	<p>You will want a pair of good glacier glasses with a Cat. 3-4 lens and side shields to protect against intense sunlight and glare. This is one item that you should not skimp on. <u>Regular sunglasses are not sufficient.</u></p>	<p>Julbo Shield Julbo Explorer Smith Embark (Prescription questions)</p> <p><i>Available to rent at IMG</i></p>
<p>Sunscreen & Lip Balm</p> 	<p>SPF 30 or higher</p>	<p>Personal Preference</p>

GLOVES



Item	Description	Guide Recommendation
<p>Lightweight Glove</p> 	<p>This is a very lightly insulating pair of gloves that will be worn when the temperatures are warm out and gloves are needed. These ideally need to have a leather palm and fit tightly.</p>	<p>OR Stormtracker Men's/Women's</p>

FOOTWEAR



Item	Description	Guide Recommendation
<p>Climbing Boots - Single or Double</p> <p>Double boots are required for cold weather climbs but are appropriate for all weather conditions on Mt. Rainier. Full shank single boots may be acceptable for warm, fair-weather climbs in the middle of the summer. Please read our Boot Blog to understand the differences between boots.</p>		
<p>Single Boots</p> 	<p>Insulated single boots may be acceptable in late summer but are not typically acceptable in May, June, or September. They must be crampon-compatible, full-shank insulated leather or synthetic mountaineering boots. <u>Please note that ½ shank boots such as the Trango Tech or Aequilibrium are not acceptable single boots on Mt. Rainier regardless of the season.</u></p>	<p>La Sportiva Nepal Men's/Women's</p> <p>Scarpa Mont Blanc Pro</p> <p>La Sportiva G5</p> <p><i>Available to rent at IMG</i></p>
<p>Double Boots</p> 	<p>Warm, insulated mountaineering boots with stiff soles designed to be used with crampons. <u>Please note that double boots may be required during any season.</u> If single boots are appropriate for your climb conditions, you will not need double boots.</p>	<p>La Sportiva G2 SM</p> <p>La Sportiva Spantik</p> <p>Scarpa Phantom 6000</p> <p>Kolfach Double Boots <i>Available to rent at IMG</i></p>




<p>Trail Shoes</p> 	<p>A comfortable shoe will make the approach day more enjoyable, especially mid-July to September. A low cut trail runner is appropriate, but if you prefer more ankle support, look for a hiking boot that works well for you. Once you reach the snow, you will change into your climbing boots.</p>	<p>Personal Preference Salomon Speedcross</p>
<p>Gaiters (optional)</p> 	<p>A pair of gaiters will help keep your pant legs free from damage from sharp crampons during the program and will help keep snow and dirt out of your boots.</p>	<p>OR Crocodile Gaiters</p>

CLIMBING GEAR



Item	Description	Guide Recommendation
<p>Backpack</p> 	<p>Modern internal frame pack at least 30-50L in size to fit all your items. Make sure it fits well with weight and expect to carry at least 20 pounds. <u>Bring a large garbage bag to line your backpack in order to keep your gear dry.</u></p>	<p>Mountain Hardware AMG 75</p> <p><i>Available to rent at IMG</i></p>
<p>1 or 2 Trekking Poles</p> 	<p>Collapsible pole with ski/snow baskets</p>	<p>Black Diamond Expedition 2 Poles</p> <p><i>Available to rent at IMG</i></p>

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

Item	Description	Guide Recommendation
<p>Pee Bottle/Pee Funnel (optional)</p> 	<p>Collapsible or hard sided 1 liter Nalgene models can work well. If opting for a collapsible model, please pick a 1.5-2 L model as it allows for more space while using in your sleeping bag. Pee funnel is optional for women. <u>Only bring these if you have experience using them.</u></p>	<p>Personal Preference</p>
<p>Disposable Hand Warmers (Optional)</p> 	<p>Great for those with cold hands but <u>cannot substitute heavy gloves.</u></p>	<p><i>Available for Purchase at IMG HQ</i></p>

<p>Small First Aid Kit</p> 	<p>A small zip lock of medications, blister care, duct tape, and band-aids for yourself. All guides carry a more substantial first aid kit.</p>	<p>Adventure Medical Kit: Mountain Day Tripper Lite</p>
<p>Toiletries</p> 	<p>Toilet paper is mandatory, wet wipes are optional. Bring a small bottle of hand sanitizer</p>	
<p>2 Trash Bags</p> 	<p>Used to line the inside of your backpack for protection against the elements.</p>	<p>18 gallon heavy duty trash compactor bags</p>

FOOD & WATER

Item	Description	Guide Recommendation
<p>Water Bottles</p> 	<p>2 wide mouth, 1 Liter bottles w/ a screw top lid (put your name on them.)</p>	<p>Nalgene</p>
<p>Personal Food</p> 	<p>You are responsible for your own snacks and lunches.</p>	<p>Food Suggestions for Mt. Rainier</p>