



Site-Specific Weather & Packing Lists

In addition to the overall individual and group packing lists above, we ask volunteers serving at specific sites to plan according to weather and site accommodations. See below for your site's specific list.

San Diego, CA

At our San Diego location, SSP volunteers camp at [Tijuana River Valley Regional Park Campground](#). Average summer temperatures range from 66-78°F. SSP has booked tent/RV camping sites (no hook ups) for all volunteers, but upgraded yurts are available (make reservations directly through the park, see instructions below). **Each volunteer group will have their own campsite(s)**: Groups of 8 people or fewer will have 1 site, groups of 9-16 people have 2 sites, and so on (by multiples of 8). We plan to have some tents available to borrow. Each campsite is limited to 2 vehicles. **Please ensure you bring the following:**

- Tents with **sufficient space*** for your group
 - Rain fly & tarps for ground cover
 - *Note:** Each campsite accommodates 8 people: 2 tents maximum per site, or 1 RV and 1 tent)
- Cooler (one or more per campsite)
- Lantern (one or more per campsite)
- Headlamp and/or flashlight (one per person)
- Extra batteries and/or charging cables



Recommended:

- If bringing an air mattress: pump compatible with vehicle

Each group can decide what size tent is right for them, but volunteers should **maintain SSP's Rule of Threes** (no youth/adult pair alone), unless those in the tent are related (parent/guardian & child, etc.).

Instructions for Yurt Upgrades:

Yurt reservations are first-come, first-served. These include bunk beds and sleeping mats, but no bedding. Parking accommodates 2 vehicles for small yurts, and 4 vehicles for large yurts. These reservations are coordinated *directly with the campground, at cost to the volunteer*. To coordinate an upgrade from SSP's booked tent/RV campsites to stay in a 6 or 10 person yurt instead, visit Reservations.SDparks.org/Reservation/Camping and follow these instructions:

1. Select "**Tijuana River Valley**" from the box titled 'Which Park?' on the left.
2. Enter your **arrival** and **departure dates**. These should correspond to your registered SSP session, unless you plan to stay any extra days (unsupervised by SSP staff).
3. Click "**show available sites**." SSP volunteers can book Yurts 2-8 (Y-2, Y-3, etc.) as available, or Yurts 1 and/or 10 if qualifying (ADA accessible - call 877-565-3600 to inquire).
 - a. Yurts 1-6 can house 6 people each, while Yurts 7-10 house 10 people each.
4. **To reserve**, you will need: # **volunteers** in yurt, primary **vehicle license #**, and **payment method** ready (debit/credit). For rented vehicles, enter all zeros for the license, and update upon arrival.
5. Once you have submitted your reservation with the campground, please **forward your confirmation email to info@SierraServiceProject.org**.



Smith River (Del Norte County), CA

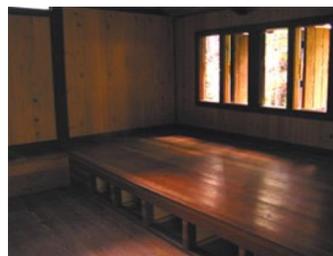
In Smith River, volunteers will be housed at [Howland Hill Outdoor School](#) the full summer, with the **exception of Week 3*** (see note below). Cabins are available for up to 60 volunteers, and tent camping on the grounds or on cabin porches will be available for overflow. If needed, RVs may also be accommodated (no hookups). Be aware the Northern California coast is cold compared to other SSP sites. This is not your typical California summer weather, with [average temperatures](#) ranging from 51-67°F, although only ½" of rain per month. Please ensure you bring:

- Raincoat and/or windbreaker
- Extra sweatshirt
- Knit hat
- Scarf
- Tall socks (wool recommended)



If you plan to camp rather than stay in the cabins, please bring:

- Tents with rain fly & tarps for ground cover
- Lantern (one or more per tent)
- Headlamp and/or flashlight (one per person)
- Extra batteries and/or charging cables
- If bringing an air mattress: pump compatible with vehicle



***Note on Week 3:** During Week 3 our program will be based out of the [Smith River United Methodist Church](#) and the Smith River Community Hall. Tent camping is available on the church grounds if desired.

Note on Cabin Housing:

The five cabins accommodate up to 12 people each. SSP will do our best to ensure minimal commingling of volunteer groups in each indoor space to reduce possible COVID-19 exposure. However, there will be some overlap in groups sharing cabins, and most weeks, volunteers should plan for some overflow to tent or RV camping. You are always welcome to opt for tent or RV camping (as interested) as well. As the summer begins and volunteer group sizes shift, our Co-Directors will have more information on cabin housing, sharing indoor space, and camping overflow ahead of your arrival.

Sleeping pads are available for those sleeping in cabins. Please do not bring air mattresses or cots unless you plan to RV/tent camp outside. There is not sufficient space in the cabins for all volunteers to use air mattresses or cots.

Tsaile, AZ (Navajo Nation)

Tsaile is at an elevation of 7,142 feet above sea level, and summer can include heavy monsoon rains or thunderstorms. Average summer temperatures range from 55-85°F. It can be warm during the day and cooler at night; pack accordingly! Site accommodations TBD. In addition to the standard list, bring:

- Raincoat and/or windbreaker
- Knit hat