If you choose one of the base camp options you will be joining us for two nights to get to know other new students and student leaders, and learn more about Puget Sound, the Northwest, and college life. Base camp is located at a historic camp on the Hood Canal, about two hours from campus. The site is part a 30-mile-long fjord that is part of the Puget Sound waterway.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT:

All of the items below are required for base camp. Equipment can be rented on a first-come, first-served basis; typically all equipment is committed by late July. Request your equipment rental online via your Cascade Web menu when you register for Orientation. Payment must be received to secure your reservation. (Items with an asterisk (*) are available to rent via the online Orientation registration form.)

- **Sleeping bag**—anything you have that will keep you warm down to 40 degrees Fahrenheit. (Suggested: a mummy-style or modified mummy-style with hood, drawstring, baffled zipper, and synthetic fill). Rental fee: $22
- **Sleeping pad**—closed-cell foam or Therm-a-Rest®-style air mattress. Rental fee (foam pad): $3
- **Duffle bag** to carry your clothing (Do not bring a suitcase.)
- **Rain clothing**—required for day hikes. Suggested: Coated nylon or GORE-TEX®-type hooded rain jacket and coated nylon or GORE-TEX®-type rain pants, if you have them.
- **Footwear**—sturdy tennis shoes, running shoes, or sneakers
  - **Required for water activities (canoeing, water craft, and sea kayaking):** Closed-toe footwear (old sneakers, aqua socks, or Keen®-type shoes)
  - **Highly recommended for advanced day hikes:** Broken-in leather or fabric hiking boots that give ankle support
- **Towel**
- **Swimsuit**
- **Toiletries** (Base camp is not equipped for electric appliances, such as a hair dryer.)
- **Glasses/Contact lenses**—if you wear contact lenses, bring a pair of glasses, additional contact lenses, and solution
- **Reusable mug or Puget Sound mug** (Mugs will be distributed at Orientation check-in.)
- **Water bottle**—one-quart capacity (Inexpensive bottled water bottles are great.)
- **Flashlight or headlamp**
- **Sunglasses**
- **Sunscreen**

RECOMMENDED FOR YOUR COMFORT:

- **Hat**—one warm hat (such as a pullover ski hat) and one hat/baseball cap for sun protection
- **Shorts**—one or two pairs
- **Pants**—one pair of jeans or long pants
- **T-shirts**—one or two; also one long-sleeve shirt, such as flannel or fleece
- **Upper-body garments**—prepare for conditions down to 45 degrees Fahrenheit

OPTIONAL ITEMS:

- **Camera**
- **Journal**
- **Musical instrument** (Base camp temperatures and moisture can vary. Only bring instruments that can weather these conditions.)

DO NOT BRING THE FOLLOWING:

1. Portable music devices, cellular phones, or sound equipment of any kind, as they detract from the experience
2. Alcohol or drugs
3. Firearms