



Staff Training Essentials

The fun begins even before the campers arrive! To prepare for the summer, all CHMK staff members participate in a number of orientation events to provide them with the tools they need to be their best selves throughout the summer. CHMK's orientation programs are fun, engaging, and active, so don't be surprised when you find yourself already loving life before the first car rolls in on day one!

Below are recommendations on what to bring to staff training. Everyone should get into the habit of carrying their "Possibilities" bag around training and camp. Feel free to supplement with what would make you the most comfortable and attentive.

A backpack that can fit the items listed below

- Clothing that adheres to the CHMK Dress code. All clothing should be appropriate for outdoor activity and be clean & presentable. No tank tops; shirts must have at least short sleeves. This models good sun protection and looks professional. Pants or shorts must be appropriate for outdoor activity and look professional. No short-shorts, no holes, no cutoffs. Ask yourself: "do I look like a professional outdoor educator today?"
- Clothing for any weather. We will be running around, sitting on the ground, playing games & spending all day outside. Dress to be active & comfortable. Check the weather to be prepared for anything!
- Rain gear (practical for hiking/outdoor activity, i.e.- no umbrellas, etc.)
- **Staff Manual with all printed materials (on your own)**
- Sun Protection: Sunscreen/hat/sunglasses
- Camp chair or crazy creek (optional, but nice for sitting sessions)
- Staff Handbook- provided
- Two full water bottles
- Writing Utensil
- Personal Snacks
- Sun protection: Hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, etc.
- Anything else that keeps you happy during a day outside (an awesome sun hat, frisbee, your most awesome animal shirt, etc.)
- Badass Personality
- Sense of Adventure and Willingness to Learn

***The first week of training we will be camping out. Please have appropriate gear (sleeping bag, tent, etc) within easy reach/access for a smooth transition from training to the overnight location.**