

## Ultimate Explorer program Gear List

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**Sheath knife.** It is highly recommended to have a Mora or Bahco knife. The latter is the best deal I've found in terms of the features I like (highly visible sheath, excellent blade, low price). Order through Amazon ([here](#)). Learn more about this choice [here](#).

**Rain jacket.** If we have a wet day, a rain jacket would be great, along with some fleece or wool underneath to insulate the skin from the wet jacket. Unfortunately, disposable ponchos don't keep kids very dry in my experience, although slightly better than nothing.

**Durable pants.** I usually like to wear shorts myself. But we may be moving through areas where some contact with poison ivy could prove unavoidable, not to mention some thorny plants. Loose fitting synthetic, quick-dry pants are ideal. The kind that can convert into shorts are great.

**Swimwear.** Wading in the creek is a highlight for many students. A pair of light shorts or swimwear worn under pants are ideal. Wearing wet pants gets uncomfortable pretty quick.

**Footwear.** Rugged sandals, and some running shoes can work well. Students should be able to wear them in the water to protect against broken glass or other sharp things.

**Backpack.** One with actual straps, not just strings that go over shoulders. But the pack itself ideally is not too big and heavy either. Just a light pack that can comfortably hold what is needed.

**Water bottles.** 1.5 liters of water in one or more bottles. Simple screw-on lids are good, be wary of bottles with lids that can accidentally pop open inside the pack.

**Lunch.** Try to avoid heavy containers or food that spoils easily, but consider including a few snacks.

**Cup.** A lightweight cup suitable for hot beverages will be great to have for when we make tea. Better yet, get a cook pot cup like [this one](#).

### *After class:*

Your child may be wet and/or muddy at pick up time. Some **towels** and a **change of clothes** may be good to have on hand.