



PACKING LIST: CLOTHING

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Clothing must be modest.
The team members should dress in a way that is appropriate and much more conservative than the typical American the people we serve would see on TV, but yet not in a legalistic way. We request that there are no spaghetti straps, tight or low cut shirts for the girls, and guys need to wear pants that fit and do not fall down. All shorts must reach the knee.
- In the event that we have access to a pool or go to the beach, swimsuits must be modest. Girls are encouraged to wear a one-piece, but may wear a two-piece with a “tankini” top that covers their midsection. *No bikinis are allowed.*
- We will provide at least one Convoy of Hope T-Shirt.
- Please check your project details to see if you need clothing from each of the categories listed below.

NOTE: Below, where items are listed with “/” (i.e. jeans/pants/skirts) it means jeans *or* pants *or* skirts *or* a combination of them, not necessarily all of those items.

WORK CLOTHING

- Shorts must be **to the knee** when shorts are allowed. Many former female team members have worn capris on work days.
- T-shirts are great for most work times. We ask that there be **no tank tops**.
- Shoes (or boots) should be closed-toed. This will help keep your feet safe.
- Bring gloves.
- Your work clothing (including shoes) will get dirty and may even get ruined. Please bring shoes or work boots you are willing to ruin.
- A hat or sunglasses are good to bring, as it will be very hot and sunny.

PROGRAM/MINISTRY ACTIVITY CLOTHING

- Long pants or capris are usually required. Your team leader will let you know if you are allowed to wear something different.
- Ladies, sometimes a skirt is required for program time. Teams have found it beneficial to bring 2-3 skirts for program time as well as church.
- T-shirts or other shirts are fine. Again, we ask that there be **no tank tops**.
- Flip-flops or sandals can be worn for programs or other times. Remember that you may play with the children after the program, so plan accordingly.

OTHER NOTES

It’s important that we connect well with the cultures in which we work. With that in mind, please comply with the following.

- Piercings are not acceptable for men, as they mean other things in these cultures. If females have 1-2 piercings in their ears, it is ok. Some cultures do not appreciate nose piercings, but



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your team leader will inform you about that. If you have a lip ring, a prominent nose ring, or a high number of earrings, it's best if they are taken out.

- All team members should avoid flashy jewelry and females should avoid heavy applications of makeup.
- Tattoos are okay, but there may be instances or places where you will need to cover them.

CHURCH CLOTHING

- Ladies should wear a skirt and blouse or dress.
- Guys should wear a pair of dress slacks or non-jeans and button up or nicer shirt (business casual).
- Team members should bring at least 2 church outfits (could be 1-2 pairs of pants for guys with at least 2 nice shirts that you will not work in, and 1-2 skirts with blouses or dresses for girls), as the team may be involved in multiple services each week.

DOWN TIME

- Modest shorts/flip flops/t-shirts/etc. are appropriate.
- We strongly suggest bringing shower shoes or shoes you can wear to/from the pool. Flip flops should suffice.