

“Camp Essentials”

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- What** This duet serves as an entertaining announcement or reminder for a youth summer camp, with details of what to expect, what to bring, dates, and more.
- Themes:** Camp, Youth Group, Student Ministry, Announcement, Duet, Packing List
- Who** Ben- A preteen or teenage camper
Sarah- Can be another camper or an adult volunteer
- When** Present
- Wear (Props)** Actors wear casual clothes
Clipboard
Pen
- Why** Announcement or Reminder
- How** Feel free to customize this skit to fit the specific details of camp that you need to announce. Looking for camp volunteers? Announcing what campers are allowed to bring/not bring? Introducing an upcoming trip? This short intro is a humorous lead-in for all of the above.
- Names can be changed to actors' names as well.
- Time** Approximately 3 minutes

Ben stands center stage writing on a clipboard.

Ben: *(reading slowly but deliberately out loud as he writes)* Ben's Packing List for Camp Essentials. Do not forget! Numéro uno. X-Box One with all five controllers, Bose noise-cancelling headsets, and all sixty-eight games. Oh wait, this is church camp... *(counts under his breath)* just four games. E for exceptionally boring and T for just a touch of violence. Numéro two? My cloud-perfect gel-cooled triple-insulated California King-sized vacuum-packed NASA-approved memory-foam mattress topper. Number three. *(Looks left and right to make sure no one overhears)* Power Rangers pillow and Brony nightlight. Numéro quatro? Breathe Right nose strips, throat spray, and earplugs for fellow cabin mates. Numéro five. Mom's list of organically-appropriate food substitutes and environmentally-friendly bug spray. Wait a minute...how can it be environmentally friendly if it kills bugs?

Sarah enters from stage right and interrupts Ben.

Sarah: Hi Ben! Whatcha doing?

Ben: Hey Sarah. I'm making a packing checklist for camp. This is my first time going and I don't want to forget any of the essentials. *(Back to list)* Number six. Handheld heated back massager...

Sarah: Umm, Ben?

Ben: Yeah?

Sarah: This is camp we're talking about.

Ben: *(not even looking up from his list)* Uh huh.

Sarah: Like, "camp" camp.

Ben: Yep. Got it.

Sarah: Soooo...the back massager?

Ben: Uh huh?

Sarah: I'm not anti-massager or anything, but I'm not exactly sure it's an essential. You know, for camp. Now your Bible? That's essential. Toothbrush? Toothpaste? Essential. Deodorant! I've been to a youth camp before and I highly recommend deodorant as an essential.

Ben: Okay, okay. I'll substitute deodorant for the massager. *(Sighs with sarcasm)* Guess I'll just have to be distracted by sore muscles during evening worship.

Sarah: It's either that or everyone else being distracted by certain...aromatic abnormalities of teenage persuasion. Remember Ben, after four days with no deodorant, Lazarus stanketh. Don't be a Lazarus. Think of your fellow man.

Ben: Got it. What else?

Sarah: I have a feeling we need to go back over the details of this trip.

Ben flips a page on his clipboard and holds his pen in anticipation.

Ben: Ready.

At this point in the skit, Sarah can address the audience and give the who, what, when, and where details for your upcoming trip to camp or the camp your church will be hosting. You can customize this section to be as brief or thorough as needed. Ben can be listening and writing on his clipboard. Below are some additional questions for consideration in this section as your camp dates draw nearer:

What are campers allowed to bring?

What are campers NOT allowed to bring?

What are the rules for cell phones and other electronics?

What food allergies will be accommodated?

How will medications be handled and administered?

Will campers need extra cash for activities? If so, how will cash be handled?