**Gila Wilderness Packing List**

We will supply tents, food for the backcountry, stoves, toilet paper, water purifiers and other community gear like that.

**Clothing:**

Expect temperatures to be around 80 for the high and 40s for the low. For clothing remember to steer clear of cotton as once it gets wet it will stay wet, and while rain is unlikely, we will do many river crossings! Layers are key as they will help you handle the range of possibilities. We recommend you bring one set of clothing for the days and a second set that you reserve for campsite/sleeping.

* **Socks.** Wool or wool blend. Bring at least 2 pairs
* **Underclothing.** Don’t overkill. 2-3 pairs should be more than enough.
* **Base Layers.** Shirts should be good wicking fabric (remember to avoid cotton).
* **Jacket.** Fleece and/or a light down jacket would work great.
* **Pants/Shorts.** Something that will dry easily and pack lightly. (which is not jeans). Nylon pants/shorts if possible. You will probably want to spend the day in shorts, and then put some pants on at night.

**Footwear:**

* We will be hiking every day, for the majority of the day 😊 Good shoes will make your feet happy. Lightweight hiking/trail shoe recommended. If you have bad ankles consider a light weight hiking boot. Make sure your shoes are well-worn and broken in prior to our trip! Sandals/crocs/chacos are great to wear at night.

**Other Gear:**

* **Sleeping Bag.** (for backpacking you need a bag that can be stuffed to the size of a basketball or smaller, a 40 degree bag should suffice)
* **Sleeping Pad.** Again, think small and light
* **Rain Gear.** Shouldn’t be a problem. As time gets closer keep an eye out on the forecast. If there’s rain in the forecast pack a rain jacket, if there’s no chance then I won’t be!
* **Cup & Spoon.** Bring a spoon and big (durable) cup that can double as a bowl
* **Water Bottles.** Nalgenes work great. Bladders for your backpack also work great. Make sure you have 2 water bottles, or a bladder and a water bottle.
* **Flashlight/Headlamp.** Make sure you have fresh batteries (or pack a couple extra!)
* **Pocket Knife.** Optional
* **Sunscreen/chapstick.**
* **Hat.** One to help block the sun by day, another to help keep you warm by night.
* **Sunglasses.** If you get tired of squinty eyes in bright sunshine
* **Toiletries.** Toothbrush, toothpaste. Soap must be biodegradable. Deodorant and scented things are rumored to attract bears (plan to keep in the car) 😊 Other essentials; contact stuff, etc.
* **Camera/phone.** You are welcome to bring your phone to take pictures. Once we are on the road we will ask that phones be put on airplane mode.
* **Dry bag/zip lock bags.** To put your extra clothes in, your Bible, your camera/phone. This will help keep all these things dry in event of rain.
* **Bug Spray.** Optional. My experience in the Gila has been relatively bugless
* **Small Bible and pen.** Every morning and evening we will be diving into God’s Word! The smaller the better, make sure to bring OT/NT Bible
* **Hammock.** Optional, remember to make sure it’s small and light if you choose to bring. There’ll be places to set up your hammock to sleep in each night if you choose.
* **Camp towel.** Optional, in case you want to try to clean up a bit at night. (again not cotton)
* **Money.** You will need money for a good post wilderness meal when we hike out Friday (recommend $20ish).

**Pack a lunch for Monday, or plan on buying food at McDonald’s in Silver City.**

**Pack a set of extra clothes in a small backpack/bag (that we’ll leave in the car) to change into for the ride home!**