

THINGS TO BRING TO BAMFIELD

This list includes some essentials like rain gear and rubber boots, but is not inclusive. It is also a list of some of the more obscure things you might not have thought of, like laundry detergent and camping gear. Please use this list as a guide. If you have been to BMSC and have a suggestion for the list please send it to univeristy@bms.bc.ca.

FALL AND SUMMER COURSES

ELECTRONICS:

Ethernet cord: 8-foot minimum.

Digital camera: One that can take video, water resistant or waterproof is best.

SD card: Bring an extra for your camera, 4GB is recommended (for videos).

Laptop: An essential. BMSC is both PC and Mac friendly and has wireless Internet service almost everywhere.

External hard drive: To back up your videos, photos and (of course) your data.

USB drive (jump drive)

Pelican case: A small one for storing your camera while in the field.

Extra batteries: For your electronics (cameras, watches, etc).

VGA adapter (Mac users): The adapter that allows you to connect to projectors.

CLOTHING:

Rubber boots: They should have a good tread and the taller the better. You're in them all the time so invest in a sturdy, comfortable pair.

Water-wicking socks or boot inserts

Gloves: Wool gloves will do, but a waterproof or neoprene pair with reinforced grips will be excellent in the intertidal.

Shoes: Either a pair of runners that you don't mind destroying, or a sturdy pair of hiking boots for the trails.

Toque

Rain pants and jacket: Essential.

Slippers

GENERAL:

Extra blanket: For drafty nights writing papers.

Camping gear: Not essential, but camping on the beach is fantastic.

Food: Even though you get three square meals a day you might want snacks for late nights.

Laundry detergent

Laundry money: Laundry machines are coin-operated (loonies and quarters only) - \$1.00 to wash, \$1.25 to dry.

Cash: The ATM at the general store is unreliable.

Field guides: Especially for students unfamiliar with the flora and fauna of the West Coast. It isn't necessary for you to buy them, but they are useful.

Pushpins or wall hooks: For your room.

Reusable water bottle

Thermos

Dry bag: Better than a backpack in the field.

Old statistics and ecology notes/texts: Depending on the courses you're taking.

Movies and DVDs: Essential if you're here for six weeks or more.

Over the counter medication: Tylenol, Gravol, cold medication, etc. Supplies are limited in Bamfield.

Dissection kit: Lab supplies at BMSC are more expensive due to our remote location. Bring your own!

VISA, Mastercard or Telus calling card: Are all accepted by the pay phones here.

ADDITIONAL (FALL PROGRAM)

Winter jacket

Costume or costume-making supplies: Halloween is practically a mandatory event in Bamfield, be prepared.

Coffee: If you prefer coffee the way you make it, bring your own beans, grinder and filters.

External speakers: Not necessary but great to have.

Vehicle: Having a vehicle in Bamfield means you can get away to Port Alberni, Nanaimo or Tofino on the weekends and visit Pachena Beach (10 minutes drive from BMSC) as often as you like. If you are considering bringing your car, please read the section “Driving to Bamfield” here. Free parking on site!