



from the FVC veterans.

We asked some long time FVC'ers what they wished they knew before their first summer, and here's what they said:

- ▶ Be sure to bring your favorite bottle of wine for the Bring Your Own Wine Tasting Party
- ▶ Don't forget stickers and designs to use on your pinewood derby car!
- ▶ A costume for the final theme dinner is a must!
- ▶ If you prefer a softer bed, an egg crate (in XL twin or King size) may increase your sleeping comfort
- ▶ The traffic from LA can be a bit slow, even on Saturdays. Plan for extra time, and don't get frustrated! On the other side of that traffic is the best week of your lives!
- ▶ Plan all your babysitting on the first day! This way you can make whatever plans during the week that you want to.
- ▶ There is no substitute for having your own bike at camp. The kids will use them all week, and will be thankful for having their own.
- ▶ Start craft projects early! Nobody ever has enough time to finish everything they want to create if they start too late. Plan ahead and bring family photos, scrap booking materials, and ideas for ceramics. The Craft Hut is great!

And finally, don't forget to pack:

- ▶ Bathing suits, hats, and plenty of sunblock
- ▶ Snacks and drinks to keep in your room
- ▶ Beach blankets and other accessories
- ▶ Light jackets in case the evenings get a little cool
- ▶ Flashlight for the Thursday campfire
- ▶ Tennis Racket!
- ▶ Golf Clubs!
- ▶ Sturdy shoes for the hikes and walks
- ▶ Plastic, easy to clean bibs for babies
- ▶ Something to keep the kids busy in the morning in case the parents want to sleep in just a little!
- ▶ Laundry bag, detergent and other laundry accessories if you think you might have to wash clothes

Thank you to all of our families that submitted input. We're hoping this helps you prepare and plan for your best vacation since becoming parents!

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