

# impact

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### What to bring to Richmond:

- ✓ Water bottle (extremely important!)
- ✓ Sun block, lip balm, brimmed hat, sunglasses
- ✓ Long pants
- ✓ Long sleeved shirts and sweatshirts
- ✓ Short sleeved shirts (no sleeveless shirts or tank tops)
- ✓ Appropriate length shorts
- ✓ Tennis shoes or work boots
- ✓ Work gloves and safety glasses
- ✓ Clothes for evening activities
- ✓ Underwear and socks
- ✓ Towel, wash cloth
- ✓ Soap, shampoo, other toiletries (extra contact lenses, backup pair of glasses)
- ✓ Shower shoes
- ✓ Small shower bag or backpack
- ✓ Sleeping bag and pillow
- ✓ Small air mattress or foam camping pad (twin size or smaller)
- ✓ Bible
- ✓ Notebook and pen
- ✓ Spending money
- ✓ Insect repellent
- ✓ Flashlight
- ✓ Paintbrush and scraper
- ✓ Dust masks for painting projects

#### Notes for packing:

- Everything but the sleeping bag and camping pad or air mattress must fit in one duffel bag or suitcase
- **DO NOT BRING:** blow dryers, curling irons, electronic games, portable CD players, cell phones, etc. With the exception of adults bringing cell phones for the purpose of emergency calls, we ask that you do not bring any of the items listed above.
- Carefully read the clothing policy and pack accordingly.
- Please do not bring any valuables or too much extra cash. impact Richmond is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.

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### Clothing Policy:

impact Richmond loves the community where you are serving this summer! We ask that the members of your group recognize that their words, actions and appearance during the mission week all contribute to the way we present ourselves to a community. Each group who attends an impact Richmond mission trip will be asked to choose apparel consistent with the following guidelines. We appreciate your partnership in creating a safe, respectful, distraction-free environment for your mission experience.

So that no one has to be the “clothing police” on the mission trip, we ask that all participants understand our clothing policy and agree to abide by it, well in advance of arrival to the mission site. If you would like further clarification of appropriate clothing choices, please call or email prior to your trip. impact Richmond staff will ask trip leaders to enforce this policy by asking their students (and leaders) to change their clothing if it is believed to be a distraction to the mission.

#### **Please Bring:**

##### **Loose-Fitting Clothing**

During the week your clothes may endure paint, sweat, and mud. Bring clothes in which you can work and play hard. Modest apparel shows respect for our community and helps to avoid distractions to our representation of Christ.

##### **Closed-Toe Shoes for Work Sites**

To prevent injury, you'll want to bring a pair of shoes that you don't mind getting dirty or wet.

##### **Mid-Thigh or Longer Shorts (or Pants)**

You will bend, twist, sit, climb and crawl as you love and serve communities. Short shorts only get shorter with these activities. A good measure is to let your arms fall to your side - if your fingers touch skin, bring a longer pair of shorts.

#### **Please Don't Bring:**

##### **Apparel that distracts from the ministry environment including...**

- No TANK TOPS
- No SHORT SHORTS
- No VISIBLE UNDERGARMENTS
- No VISIBLE MIDRIFF OR CHESTS

##### **Apparel that**

Includes obscene, vulgar, abusive, or discriminatory language or images

##### **Apparel that**

Advertises or promotes alcohol chemicals, tobacco or any other product illegal for use by minors

##### **Apparel that**

Represents threat or hate groups and gang-related clothing

##### **Why Not?**

Remember, we represent Christ in the community where we serve. These “prohibited” clothing items often work against, not for, our efforts to serve as the hands and feet of Christ. This distracting apparel can be disrespectful and damaging to our long-term relationship building within a community.