

WHAT TO PACK AND BRING

Please pack selectively. Temperatures at Lake Tahoe vary throughout from 20 degrees on the coldest winter days to 80 degrees on fall and spring afternoons. Students should be prepared to dress in layers. All students share a room with 1-3 other students, and most students will have bunk beds. All rooms have private bathrooms.

The students will be quite busy with academic work, outdoor activities, evening study halls, and off-campus activities; therefore, there is not a lot of “hang out” time in the rooms. The school reserves the right to review the amount and types of student belongings on move-in day and during regular room inspections. The school may send home superfluous or inappropriate items at any time at the family’s expense.

Do not bring items of great emotional or financial value. The school does not take responsibility for lost, stolen, or broken student possessions. We are a materialistic nation, and a few teens may take or ‘borrow’ items that they need, desire, or strongly covet.

Sew nametags, use laundry-mark or permanent-marker, or engrave your name on your personal items.

Uniform Items

- khaki shorts
- khaki pants
- white socks
- comfortable shoes
- undergarments
- brown or black belt
- SVA T-shirts and Polo shirts
- SVA Oxford
- SVA Sweater
- SVA Jacket
- SVA Tie
- toiletries

Physical Education & Outdoor Activities *SVA uniform is required during outdoor activities and sports*

- Ski and Snowboard Gear
- Snow jacket and Snow pants
- white athletic socks
- 1 pair of sneakers/tennis shoes
- 1 light wind/rain jacket
- Underclothes, including sports bras for girls
- 1 bathing suit—Tank suit or one-piece only for girls; NO revealing bikinis
- 1 pair of flip-flops or sandals
- 1 beach towel
- 1 pair of sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray (optional)
- Lip balm with sun protection
- Bandanna
- Flashlight or headlamp

Leisure Time *Nights and Weekends*

No patched, stained, or torn clothing is acceptable at any time. No over-revealing clothing or baggy pants/shorts are permitted at any time. NO boys’ muscle shirts and NO revealing girls’ tank tops.

- comfortable t-shirts
- comfortable long-sleeved shirts
- comfortable pairs of jeans or pants
- fleece jacket
- sweatshirts
- nightclothes

Room Furnishings

- 2 sets of linens to fit a standard-sized twin mattress (top and bottom sheet, pillowcases, blankets, comforter)
- Bed pillows
- 2 bath towels and washcloths
- Toiletries—NO AEROSOL cans
- Laundry detergent
- Small basket for shower toiletries
- Plastic hangers
- Battery-operated alarm clock
- Laundry bag or basket
- Small electric fan (optional)
- Spare pair of eyeglasses or contact lenses
- Reading lamp—NO HALOGEN lamps
- 1 or 2 inexpensive posters to attach to tack strips
- Calling card for pay phone use—or a cel phone not to be used in public, in class, in Dining Hall, etc.
- Medications—*All prescription and over-the-counter meds must be given to administration upon arrival.*

School Supplies

- spiral notebooks
- three-ring binders
- folders
- Loose-leaf paper
- pens and pencils
- Calculator
- Laptop notebook computer with wireless card
- Small portable printer compatible with the laptop, although we have a wireless student printer in the Dining Hall

Optional Sports Gear

- Helmet for bicycle and skateboard (required by law and by SVA)
- Daypack
- Sleeping bag & ground pad
- Water shoes
- Skateboard with helmet
- Mountain bike or cruiser bike with sturdy bike lock and helmet
- Rock climbing shoes, harness, and chalk bag

NOT PERMITTED

- No video game systems of any kind or size
- No Televisions, VCRs, or DVD players
- No large stereo systems (small portable MP3 or CD player with headphones okay)
- No large amplifiers (one acoustic guitar or electric guitar with small amp okay)
- No aerosol cans, lighters, matches, candles, incense, or anything else that burns
- No inappropriate clothing, including clothing that is revealing, torn or ripped, or makes reference to inappropriate behavior or inappropriate substances
- No desktop computers
- No poker chips or other gambling paraphernalia
- No appliances, including, but not limited to, refrigerators, microwaves, coffee machines, and hot pots
- No halogen lamps
- No paintball guns, no knives, and, in general, no weapons of any kind
- No pets



**Dress Code
2009-2010**

Mandatory during all Classes, Breakfast, and Lunch

SVA Academic Attire:

- SVA polo or oxford shirt of your choice TUCKED IN
- SVA fleece, hoodless SVA sweatshirt, SVA sweater, or SVA jacket (optional)
- Lands End khaki or navy pants, shorts, or skirt (skirts must be worn no more than 2 inches above the knee)
- Black or brown belt
- Close-toed shoes

SVA Formal Attire:

- SVA oxford shirt TUCKED IN
- SVA tie
- Lands End khaki or navy pants, or skirt
- SVA sweater, or SVA blazer (optional)
- Black or brown belt
- Leather dress shoes

SVA Casual Attire

- Shoes
- Shirts and pant, shorts, or skirts
- Clothing appropriate to the college prep school setting promoting socially appropriate behavior and norms.
 - No references to illegal drug use, alcohol, or smoking
 - No immodest attire including bare midriffs, short skirts/shorts, or low cut tops
- *SVA Blazers are always an option*
- *Undershirts must be white or navy*
- *No hats, headbands, or other gear in the academic buildings including all classrooms, study halls, and the dining hall.*
- *No non-SVA fleeces, sweatshirts, or jackets may be worn in class or during meals in the dining hall.*