



Packing Traveling and Local Information

Somers Middle School Camping Tips

- *Alcohol cannot be consumed on school grounds.* Pete and Amy Sauer, Big Sky Yachts, live adjacent to the school and will be sponsoring the Big Sky Yachts Beer Garden. They will have picnic tables and a bonfire area.
- It will be important to keep food in air tight containers and manage trash. Utilize the 7 leave no trace principles. <https://Int.org/why/7-principles/> We don't expect bears but they do travel through from time to time and open food will attract them.
- Bring bug spray and other bug deterrents like Thermacells. The mosquitos can get bad during the summer months.
- Be weather aware. The temperature in Montana fluctuates dramatically throughout the day. Be prepared for cool nights. The sun comes up early and sets late so consider this in your planning. If it rains it will be cold.
- RV hook ups are not available.
- Common areas and locker rooms will be available for use. Each locker room has three sinks, toilets, showers and changing areas.

Traveling by Car

Here are some tips for traveling in the western states.

- Manage your fuel / power. It is likely you may go 100-150 miles without seeing a gas or charging station once you get into the western states; North and South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, etc.
- Cell phone service will be extremely limited traveling through the above states, Idaho, and Eastern Washington so have an atlas on hand. This is particularly important if you are traveling roads away from the major interstates.
- Plan for unforeseen circumstances. If you have an emergency it may take awhile for first responders to get to you. Have snacks and water on hand.
- *Stop at all of the AIS Inspections points. You will be pulled over by the police if you don't stop. This is extremely important. AIS inspection is required to launch your boat.* <https://fwp.mt.gov/conservation/aquatic-invasive-species/watercraft-inspection-stations>
- Watch for wildlife particularly at dusk and during the night. It is very likely you will see deer, turkeys, moose, bear, and other wildlife.
- Be aware of the wind if you are traveling from the East. The Dakotas, Eastern MT and WY can be very gusty particularly around Livingston, MT.

- Be aware of forest fires, road construction and other potential delays.
www.mdt511.com
- Ask for help if you need it. Montanans are very friendly and will help with everything from a tire change to direction giving.

Packing List

Montana is very casual. Keep this in mind when packing.

- For clothing, pack everything from a windbreaker and fleece to a swimsuit. In the span of one day you will wear them all.
- Bring rain gear. If it rains it will be cold.
- If you plan on going into the mountains, bring wool socks, hats, gloves, and appropriate footwear. The rangers will turn you around in flip flops.
- Bring bikes, folding chairs, coolers, lake toys.
- Bug & bear spray (bear spray can be purchased at a local gas station)
- Pack sunscreen, hat, sunglasses. Our high altitude can make the sun feel strong.
- Mom tip: Have water and a fleece with you at all times. :-)

Green Regatta

- Nationals is registered as a green regatta with Sailors for the Sea. One of our best practices will be to minimize waste. <https://www.sailorsforthesea.org/>
- We will provide 3 reusable cups suitable for beer, water, coffee, wine, cocktails in your registration bag.
- Please bring dishes for dinner. We have facilities on site for clean up.

Grocery Shopping

- The White Oak (corner of Hwy 93 and Hwy 82) gas, water, pump out, snacks, beer, wine, beverages, sandwiches, breakfast burritos
- Rosauers (2150 U.S. 93 S, Kalispell, MT 59901) largest grocery store nearby
- Harvest Foods (8111 Montana Hwy 35, Bigfork, MT 59911)
- Blacktail Grocery (105 Stoner Loop, Lakeside, MT 59922)

Getting Around During Regatta

- It is approximately 1.4 miles from the Somers Middle School to NFYC. There is a nice path that can be easily traversed on foot or by bike. Del's Bar and the Somers Mansion are the approximate half way point.
- There will be vehicle parking in these locations: Somers Middle School, NFYC Trailer Lot (across the street from SMS), and just outside the NFYC main gate adjacent to the Classic Boat Works. Vehicle parking will not be available at NFYC.
- NFYC will provide shuttles with pick up / drop off points at SMS, NFYC, and Classic Boat Works before and after racing.