Pre-trip information & packing list
Please contact uaskyschool@gmail.com with any questions

What to expect

Weather
It will be warm at the lower elevations, but cold at the top of the mountain, especially at night. In general, it is at least 30 degrees colder at the summit than in Tucson. At night, it often drops below freezing and winds can be above 30 mph. Be prepared for all weather conditions and dress in layers.

Dormitories
You will be staying in dormitory-style buildings, with up to 4 people per room. Sky School provides beds, but you must bring your own sleeping bag or bedding. There are communal bathrooms with shower facilities.

Meals
The first day of your program, you will need to bring a bag lunch from home (kitchen facilities will not be available to students to heat up food). All other meals will be provided. We will do our best to accommodate specific food needs (allergies, vegetarian, etc.) when we are notified in advance.

What to bring

Necessary items
Underwear, socks, pants, and shirts for the duration of the trip
Warm long-sleeve shirt
Warm pants
Medium weight sweatshirt/hoodie
Warm jacket (heavier than a hoodie)
Raincoat
Sturdy close-toed shoes
Sun hat
Warm hat (snow hat/ beanie)
Warm gloves
Pajamas
Toiletries—toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.
Sunscreen & lip balm
Backpack (for day hikes)
Pencil or pen
Water bottle
Sleeping bag or bedding, pillow

Optional items
Shorts—long pants are better for hiking in rugged terrain
Bring at your own risk—cell phone, camera, binoculars
Sunglasses—very helpful when outdoors all day
Towel/shampoo/soap—showers are only for 2 and 3 night trips

Do and don’t: cold weather clothing for the Mt. Lemmon summit

WARM ENOUGH

NOT WARM ENOUGH

Prohibited
Drugs or alcohol of any sort
Weapons (pocket knife, hunting knife, gun, etc.)—The University of Arizona is a weapon-free campus
Fire-starting devices (matches, candles, fireworks, etc.)—fires are a serious risk on Mt. Lemmon
Anything else prohibited by your school’s rules