

Conservation Day Crew Gear List

Welcome to the 2024 field season at VYCC! This document is designed to help leaders and members prepare for their season. We know that securing gear can be a daunting experience. However, we are here to help and this list is designed to help you stay safe and comfortable throughout your season.

Please know that you do not need to spend a lot or any money on new gear. We recommend that you search local exchanges and thrift stores for used equipment or ask friends and family. The following online retailers are great for used gear: [PoshMark](#), [ebay](#), [OutdoorsGeek](#), [GearTrade](#), [REI Used Gear](#), and [Patagonia Worn Wear](#). Other sites like [The Clymb](#), [steepandcheap](#), and [Sierra Trading Post](#) offer good deals on new gear. Ensure that the gear you bring to VYCC will endure all environmental (dirt/mud) and weather conditions (rain, sleet, snow). If you are unable to secure certain pieces of gear, please let your hiring manager know and we will help you get what you need. We have a small cache of gear that can be loaned out for your season, but we need to know in advance.

VYCC Provides:

- Four VYCC uniform work shirts
- Required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) includes eye protection, both leather and gripped work gloves, and hearing protection

***All of your gear, clothing, and supplies should fit into your daypack.**

Required Equipment and Clothing:

- Boots:** ALL LEATHER (or alternative vegan material), sturdy work or hiking style
 - Entire boot except laces and sole must be leather
 - Must fully and firmly cover the foot to and around the anklebone
 - Must be in good condition without splits, holes or tears
 - Why do you need all leather boots? Good question! VYCC crews work will all kinds of terrain, some of which are heavy and sharp. We want everyone to have proper foot protection in case a tool lands where it is not supposed to. Additionally, leather boots help keep your feet dry which is very important!
- Socks:** polyester or wool, cotton is not advised
- Work Pants Appropriate for the Task:** *Dickies, Wrangler, Carhartt, Dovetail, Red Ants Pants, and Arborwear* are some brands to check out. Please no sweatpants, leggings, or wind pants (jeans, and hiking pants are okay but may provide less protection due to the thinner material).
- Rain Jacket & Rain Pants:** Sturdy and waterproof. Know these will get dirty, no ponchos
- Water Bottles:** Able to hold 3 liters of water total and durable
(Leaders: 4-5 liters)
- Daypack:** ~20-40 liters (able to hold water, lunch, rain gear, extra layers, notebook, etc.)
(Leaders: allow for additional space for extra crew gear, ~30-40 liters)
- 1 or more [sturdy plastic container](#)/Tupperware:** To hold your lunch and snacks



***A note on technology: We ask for crews to be present and have a limited use of cell phones.**