

Nehemiah Teams 2026 Basketball & Jesus Packing List



Clothing:

- Ministry clothes (pants/jeans with clean shirt) 3 pants, 5 shirts. You need to have at least one collared shirt.
- 5 sets of “game clothes” & shoes
- underwear, socks
- sleep clothes
- swimsuit & towel & shirt to wear while swimming
- closed-toe shoes or sandals for ministry (no flip-flops)
- shorts for day off & around the house

Other important items:

- Bible/journal
- Additional ID other than passport (drivers license/student ID/etc)
- bedding ([self-inflating sleeping pad](#), sheet, small pillow)
- towels & washcloth (light, quick-dry is best)
- personal eating utensils: plate, cup, bowl, spoon/fork
- sturdy water bottle (recommended 1 liter capacity)
- xerox copy of passport picture page (pack separately from passport)
- list of important phone numbers/email addresses/ mailing addresses
- sunscreen/sun block/hat
- camera (optional, but you won't have your personal cell phone)
- insect repellent
- prescription medicines/basic personal first aid kit (pain reliever, Benadryl, Neosporin, etc.)
- lightweight rain jacket (optional)
- flashlight/headlamp (batteries available locally)
- pictures of family & friends to show
- small gifts to give away (candy, stickers, etc.)
- small-medium sized backpack (carry-on size) for daily use

Foodstuff:

- We suggest bringing some of your favorite breakfast items: granola bars, instant oatmeal, protein bars, etc.
- If you have specific questions about available foods, just ask.

Packing information:

- You will be issued a duffle bag by Nehemiah Teams to use as your checked piece of luggage. The size of the bag is 4300 cubic inches or 70 liters. The cost for using this bag is included in your field expense. You will get the bag upon arrival at orientation and re-pack your belongings for the summer. There will be space to store your personal bag & any extra items you choose to leave behind during the summer. If you can't get it all in that... then you've got too much! You will be able to wash almost every day (you will be washing by hand).
- You can buy additional personal hygiene items locally to lighten your load in packing: shampoo, soap, toothpaste, etc.

- If you are asked by your field supervisor to bring equipment or personal items for them, these can be packed in a 2nd piece of checked luggage. Good idea to pack this as a team once you arrive at orientation.

General guidelines for clothing:

- Team members will wear long pants & clean shirts during ministry/church time.
- Sleeveless shirts are not permitted for guys or girls. (This includes tank tops. Exception is while team is playing games.)
- No military-type clothing or accessories.
- If you're not sure if something would be appropriate (especially if you're in a very conservative culture) please ask your local supervisor before coming or just chose to leave it at home.
- Men here typically do not wear earrings. If you do, you will likely be thought of as gay. Also, body piercings are usually associated with drug users. Please remove these before you come.

Orientation/debrief items:

- Bedding during orientation/debrief: self-inflating sleeping pad or foam pad, sheet, lightweight blanket/sleeping bag, small pillow (no electricity on site for blowing up air mattresses) **Your team will take your sleeping pad/sheet/pillow to the field**
- Outdoor bathing stations: All students will need dark colored shorts & shirts to wear while bathing. Flip-flops recommended.
- All students need a towel for bathing.
- Personal water bottle (recommended 1 qt capacity)
- Headlamp/flashlight
- Watch w/ alarm or battery-operated alarm clock
- Rain jacket/poncho or umbrella
- Handheld mirror
- Mosquito repellent w/ DEET
- Toilet paper (2 rolls) or disposable wipes
- Basic personal first aid kit