

## 1861 Girls School Packing List

Please **carefully** read the instructions on what to bring, as well as the clothing guidelines and call or email with any questions you may have. Rentals and items for purchase are available, if needed (see contact info on website). We do NOT do laundry during the week, except for emergency stains or issues which arise.

### **Clothing**

1. Clothing may be packed in tubs, totes, suitcases, etc. On arrival day, you will empty these into drawers and closets, and suitcases, etc., will be stored away for the week in the garage.
2. One or two modest, modern outfits (one outfit will be for an active game, so a dress is not ideal) – please keep shorts fingertip length, and no strapless or spaghetti-straps are appropriate for public wear.
3. Two or more day outfits appropriate to the year 1861 (can be 1850s style, as well); **Please see clothing guidelines on the forms page of the website.**
4. One white ball gown – trimmed in white or **extremely** pale pastel (the overall effect should be all students in white ballgowns with no other colors)
5. Mourning costume (half or full mourning)
6. Several sets of appropriate period undergarments – pantalettes, hoop, etc. Girls returning for additional years should add an under-petticoat and a chemise. Corsets give the correct period shaping for the 1860s look and help support the weight of the dress and hoop, but they are not required.
7. Warm sleeping clothes (in keeping with 1860s is preferred, but not required. The house can get chilly at night.
8. Proper footwear – low-heeled, ankle length, lace-up boots in brown or black and a pair of flat slippers (leather or fabric) for dancing. You will want something comfortable for the ball.
9. Gloves and/or fingerless mitts (more than one pair); for the ball you will need full-fingered white gloves.
10. Cotton stockings or soccer-type knee socks – several pairs – no part of your leg, foot, or ankle should be visible under your dress. Your socks should go to the knee or above your knee, and your pantalettes should be about mid-calf to ankle length.
11. A housecoat or robe
12. Flip flops for shower shoes

### **Hair and Personal Items**

1. Personal toiletry items like soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, towels, bathcloths, feminine hygiene products, etc.)
2. Snood or other hair adornments like metal or plastic combs, hair pieces, ribbons, silk flowers (for the ball), etc.
3. Small to medium hair bands to match your hair color and super small clear plastic rubber bands
4. Lots of bobby pins (hair pins) and safety pins in assorted sizes
5. Jewelry (appropriate to the period – see clothing guidelines)
6. Fan and hat for outdoors

7. Parasol (optional)
8. Hair spray and mousse, gel or curl cream, and dry shampoo
9. Brush and comb
10. Small spray bottle for water (to wet your hair – you will learn all the tricks in hair class)

### **Miscellaneous**

1. Small amount of spending money for incidentals (we are not responsible for lost or stolen money) such as souvenirs, etc.
2. Small covered basket to carry during the day (like you would a purse). You can use a small open basket and use a handkerchief or cloth to cover your modern items.
3. Twin sized air mattress with bedding and an extra blanket. Students who are assigned to beds will not need an air mattress. Check with the registrar to see if you need to bring this item.
4. Fabreze
5. Wrinkle release spray
6. Small container (either a cosmetic bag or small jewelry-type box) for your jewelry and hair items.
7. If you play a musical instrument, and wish to be considered for a musical performance during the commencement, bring it, along with a prepared piece of period music that you play well.

### **Sewing**

1. Small sewing scissors
2. Thread in colors to match your dresses for mending.