

DANA BROWN OVERNIGHT CENTER

What to Bring Checklist

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Depending on your itinerary and season, please dress appropriately for activities planned.

Students should be prepared for outdoor weather—
classes will continue outside even during rain, snow, and sleet.

Do not bring new clothing—this includes shoes.

Please be prepared to remove shoes upon entering any of the buildings.

- Bedding—sleeping bag or top and bottom sheet with blanket and pillow
- Toiletries—including towel, wash cloth
- Bag to carry items to shower house—plastic grocery bag works well for this
- Sunscreen and hat
- 2 pairs of pants
- At least one warm sweater or sweatshirt
- Several pairs of socks
- Hiking boots/shoes
- Shoes for down time
- Slippers/House shoes for inside lodge
- Water bottle
- Rain poncho or rain jacket, boots for muddy weather
- Jacket
- Medications—clearly labeled with your name
- Sleeping clothes
- Flashlight

Optional Items:

- Camera
- Binoculars
- Journal
- Reading book
- Small backpack
- Bug Spray

DO NOT BRING THE FOLLOWING:

- Cell phones
- Electronic games
- CD players/headphones
- Snacks, Soda
- Candy
- Gum
- Weapons

***Food is not allowed in the lodges.**

***Shaw Nature Reserve is not responsible for any lost or stolen articles.**

Thank you!

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Most Frequently Asked Questions

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1. Will bed linens be provided?

No, we have a limited supply of linens on site in case someone forgets...please bring a pillow, sleeping bag, or sheets (twin size), and blanket.

2. What about towels?

Again, we only have a limited supply so please bring a towel and washcloth.

3. No smoking?

Shaw Nature Reserve has adopted a No Smoking policy for all buildings and the grounds. We appreciate your cooperation.

4. What are the sleeping arrangements?

Your group will be separated by gender in the lodges. The bunk bed rooms are dormitory style—you will receive floor plans to assist you in organizing your participants.

5. Where is the bathroom?

Each lodge has restroom facilities and we have a modern shower house on site with several facilities.

6. Are the buildings heated/air conditioned?

Yes, each building has heat and air conditioning.

7. Are tables and chairs provided in the Assembly Building or Freund Center?

Yes, we can set up tables and chairs for your group provided we have plenty of advance notice of your needs.

8. Is there a list of items we should bring?

Yes, we will send your group a "What to Bring" list.

This is a general list and groups should tailor it to their needs.

9. What are the cooking facilities?

Assembly Building has a small kitchen with stove/oven, refrigerator, freezer, microwave, coffeemaker, and toaster for your use. We also have a BBQ grill. The Adlyne Freund Center has a catering kitchen with a microwave, coffeemaker, and toaster for your use. Contact us for items you will need to supply.

10. I still have questions...what's the phone number?

636-451-3512 Ext. 6082 or 6081, also check our website: www.shawnature.org

DANA BROWN OVERNIGHT CENTER
SITE OVERVIEW

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www.shawnature.org

The Dana Brown Overnight Education Center is a cluster of historic buildings each dating back to the 1800's. All buildings are heated, air-conditioned, handicapped accessible and have restroom facilities.

A campfire circle is located in the heart of the Center. The facilities are conveniently located within walking distance of the wetland, prairie, Meramec River, and several trailheads—the extensive trail system of the Nature Reserve will keep your group hiking for hours. The diversity of habitats widens the scope of programming available to the Overnight Center and the computer lab capabilities in the Assembly Building allow students to record their field data before going back to school.

Sleeping Lodges

The four lodges are all of historic log or post and beam design. The comfortable bunk bed sleeping rooms are well lit and clean. The lodges can each house 13-17 people in bunks and single beds. Separate rooms are available for teachers. Each lodge contains a gathering room and a half bath. Use the large porches for reading, bird watching, or just relaxing—each one commands a beautiful view of the natural area around the Center.

Shower house

This freestanding building is a modern, bright, spacious facility with showers, sinks and restrooms. Privacy rooms are connected to each shower stall.

Assembly Building

This reconstructed barn with large windows and beautiful wood floors can seat 100 people. This large post and beam building features a wrap-around porch with seating, a fireplace, a loft, a large projection screen and a small kitchenette—all features that will enhance your visit.

Adlyne Freund Center

This stone and log building seats 60 with a fireplace and a large outdoor porch as well as a glassed-in porch. This building features a small projection screen and a small commercial kitchen. Enjoy the beautiful view from every vantage point.

St. Louis Regional Map

