



Items recommended you bring

(This is just a popular list and is not complete. Bring whatever will help make your stay more enjoyable)

1. Full Sea Bag
2. Towels
3. Shower shoes
4. EXTRA sets of prescription eyewear. If you wear contacts, you still need to bring eyeglasses!! This is a requirement for overseas assignment. Also ensure you have a recent eye exam.
5. Desktop or Laptop Computer. Due to bandwidth limitations, we are unable to accommodate streaming audio or video or “excessive” downloads through our morale internet connection... so if you don’t use your webcam for anything else, don’t bring it!
6. Music CD's
7. Computer games. We can play games within the station via the LAN, which runs to every room, but NOT over the internet due to bandwidth limitations on the morale satellite internet system.
8. DVD Movies. Although the movie locker has quite a bit of movies they're 8mm and we do not have enough players to put in every room. Personal movies can be played at your convenience).
9. DVD player
10. Favorite Books or Magazines.
11. Stationary and Postcards. We have scant pickings through the Exchange in Kodiak, so prepare in advance if you have a preference for these items.
12. Blank CD's and DVD's. We are NOT endorsing piracy, of course, but these are things that folks frequently take for granted.
13. Cold weather clothing. Winters are very long and very extreme. While arctic-weight foul weather gear is issued to you, it consists of a set of polypropylene underwear and wind/rain resistant outerwear, fleece jacket, balaclava, goggles, and gloves. The unit does not issue

footwear. It is recommended you either bring arctic-weight boots or “technical” socks to wear with normal issued footwear. The key to balancing perspiration and thereby heat loss, is layered, appropriate clothing. A windproof outer layer will be your best friend, as winds can exceed 40mph and originate out of the North.

Important note regarding footwear:

Many folks errantly buy more boot insulation than is necessary, often causing their feet to sweat (which kicks heat loss into overdrive!). An average set of 400 – 600 gram (insulation) waterproof boots is usually adequate for physical activity out in the elements.

14. Swimsuit for the pool
15. Weightlifting gloves, belts, etc.
16. Dish Network receiver and subscription. Several folks have individual “accounts”, on which up to 5 individuals can attach receivers. You can buy a receiver without purchasing an account and “join in” on the account of one of the other crewmembers. Also, many people sell their receiver to new personnel when departing.
17. Calling Card -To phone home.
18. Favorite Hobby. We have a fully outfitted machine and woodworking shops, so if you’ve always wanted to take a year and build a guitar or a robot... now’s your chance.
19. Video Game System. We have a LAN that runs to every room in the station, as well as the rec deck and TV lounge... so if you like SOCOM or HALO, or other networked games, you’re coming to heaven!
20. Musical Instrument
21. Three months supply or more of toiletry items like soap, toothpaste, etc. The station provides laundry soap and bleach and the other items can be purchased through the CG Exchange system, as we operate a satellite exchange “closet”. We can’t always cater to personal preference, and log flights sometimes get delayed due to weather. So if you have a favorite brand, you might want to stock up on it until you know you can get it up here.
22. Checkbook to pay for Exchange or Morale bills as well as items purchased from local natives, such as ivory carvings, etc. There is no other means to pay your bills here.
23. Fishing gear. You can catch flounder off the beach until your arms are tired or motor across the bay and jump on the salmon runs.

24. Personal weapons. **If you bring a weapon you must comply with the laws of owning a weapon.** The only way to get ammunition to the station is via Coast Guard C-130 logistic flight from Kodiak, which we receive every 3 weeks, and it's sold through the CG Exchange system. Which means, we can only get what the Exchange in Kodiak carries! We are unable to get black powder due to aircraft shipping restrictions, so you'll have to leave your musket at home, unfortunately!
25. Paintball Guns and supplies. We have an excellent paintball course on station and are able to purchase paintballs through the exchange, as well as other vendors. We have the ability to refill low-pressure air tanks, only. We can neither refill nor receive shipments of CO2 canisters. Safety equipment is mandatory, so make sure you have it if you want to play!
26. Billiards and darts supplies. As expected, there's a lot of pool-playing and dart-throwing up here and we enjoy the occasional tournament, so bring 'em if you got 'em.
27. Digital photographic equipment. This is an excellent opportunity to see some of the most inaccessible and beautiful landscape in America. If you're a shutterbug, arm yourself to the teeth, you won't regret it!
28. Polarized sunglasses. The snow lingers long after the temperatures increase to a level that permits you to go outside without goggles (which are mandatory during the worst of the winter). Polarized sunglasses will be invaluable up here.
29. Camping/Hiking gear. We are able to explore and camp in some very unique locations, such as gold-rush era mining camps and beautiful foot hills. Getting off-station is a great way to fend off the feeling of being "caged in".
30. Pictures, mementos and anything else to "home-ify" your time up here.

We recommend you prepare and ship your Household Goods at least a month to month and a half prior to your report date so they will show up around the time you get here.

Items recommended you DO NOT bring

1. Hard Liquor/Alcohol over 5% by volume (doing so will result in serious consequences). Ensure your friends and family realize this so they don't errantly send you a bottle of trouble in the mail!
2. Television. 20" televisions are provided to all rooms.
3. Stereo. Each room is outfitted with a CD-playing (including MP3) stereo system.
4. Bicycle
5. Bed Linens are provided for everyone, bring your own only if you choose to.
6. Too many civilian clothes. It's not that you won't be able to wear them, but many folks simply bring too much... they're just not used to the fact that they won't be seen by anyone other than their coworkers for a year. If you wish to "dress up" anyway, feel free!... just be aware of the space and weight limitations.
7. We have pets on station, but that does not mean personal pets can be accommodated. If a member with orders to report is unable to arrange for the care of personal pet, the command is willing to review the situation but keep in mind this is on an extremely limited case-by-case basis, and would hinge on very specific circumstances.