

PACKING & PREPARATION LIST

YOUR CHUGACH MOUNTAINS CHECKLIST

VHSG PROVIDES

- Avalanche transceiver, shovel & probe
- Avalanche airbag pack & radio
- Mountaineering harness

VHSG DEMO EQUIPMENT

- K2, DPS, Folsom, Moment & 4FRNT skis with poles
- Jones & Winterstick snowboards

1 SKIING & RIDING EQUIPMENT



Bring your own boots. None available in Valdez. Downhill boots preferred - touring boots not recommended. Get them professionally fitted and well broken in.



Two sets of goggles. One dark lens for bright days, one low-light lens for shade. The second pair is a vital backup.



Sunglasses with UV protection. Essential against extreme snow glare. Choose quality lenses.



Sunscreen & lip balm. Essential against extreme snow reflection. High-SPF lysine lip balm is excellent; zinc gives complete sunblock.



Reusable water bottle. Forgot yours? We sell them at the lodge.



Backup everything. Valdez is remote - buying gear is not an option. Bring the right gear, and the right spares.

2 CLOTHING & LAYERS



Layer system: several lightweight synthetic or wool moisture-wicking base layers, one puffy insulating jacket, and one waterproof breathable shell (e.g. Gore-Tex).



Base layers: one silk-weight and one medium-weight give options for warm and cold days, and combine on the coldest days.



Two pairs of gloves: a warm set for cold days and a lighter pair for spring - so you can always switch to a dry set.



Helmet & warm hat. Helmets preferred for all guests; light hats and balaclavas fit underneath for extra warmth. Follow your guide's lead - they're the safety experts.



Quality ski socks. A couple of pairs is ideal. Lenz makes a nice electric-heated sock.

3 PACKING FOR THE LODGE

You're here to ski and ride - pack only the necessities and leave the rest behind. **Laundry service is provided.** We recommend:



Snow-ready street shoes



Slippers



Gym clothes



Swimsuit



Laptop & charger



Noise machine (RDV yurts)



Tips for staff (Venmo / PayPal OK)



See tipping guide