

## **NGA LTER Packing List:**

**General Accommodations/Info:** All ships have washer and dryer for laundry, private showers and bathrooms. Staterooms (sleeping arrangements) typically accommodate two scientists, with closet space/cabinets for stowing clothes. Beds are bunk beds, with clean linens and blankets provided by the ship. Safety helmets, and personal floatation devices are also provided by the ships.

Limited internet for general use is available on the RV Sikulaq (everyone typically gets ~500 mb of data per day). No internet for general use is available on the RV Tiglax. If you require internet for something related to the cruise, or an emergency back home, both ships have the ability to provide you with email communication, all you have to do is ask.

Once we depart Seward, phone networks are nonexistent except for a few locations near/in Prince William Sound where calling and texting is possible. In the event of an emergency the ships have satellite phones available.

Food is prepared by the galley cook and served to the scientists and ship crew at designated mealtimes in the mess (dining area). Various snacks are also available at any time + there are typically leftovers. Dietary restrictions can be accommodated, but you might want to bring some of your own favorite food items.

### **General Packing list:**

Bring about a week's worth of clothes so a full load of laundry can be done at a time to conserve water.

Rubber Boots (XtraTufs are popular) for outside on the deck.

Normal closed-toe shoes, such as tennis shoes, for inside the ship.

Flip flops for the shower

Rainpants (Especially if you are going to be on the night crew, check with your supervisor).

Raincoat

Prescription medications (2 - 3 times the amount you think you will need)

Sea-sickness pills or patches

Sleep aids if you need to transition to the night shift

Toiletries

Sunscreen

Sunglasses

Chapstick

Lotion

Warm hat

Warm gloves

Lots of extra socks!

Base layers (Lightweight layer of polypropylene, wool or silk to form the base layer next to the skin)

Intermediate layer (Fleece, down jacket, hoodies)

Workout clothes and shoes

Headlamp

Earplugs (The ship and sometimes your shipmates can be noisy!)

Water bottle

Thermos for coffee/tea

Laptop/Homework supplies

Chargers for laptops/phones/headphones/smart watches/cameras etc.

USB drive to make file transfer on the ship easier

It is often easier to pack a duffel or soft pack-style bag over hard-cased rolling luggage as storage space can be limited on some ships. Softer duffel bags are easier to compact down/roll up for storage. They also make great laundry bags.

There is downtime of several hours or more when we are transiting between lines. Consider bringing something to keep yourself entertained. Books/Movies (There is a small library/lounge with these items but the selection is limited).A small art kit. A nice camera. Journal. Playing cards. Or you can just sit and chat with your shipmates!

**Above is a general list only. Your work might require additional gear. Check with your supervisor to see what additional items you may need!**

Here is a great resource for accommodations on the Sikuliaq:

[https://www.sikuliaq.alaska.edu/ops/life\\_ aboard.html](https://www.sikuliaq.alaska.edu/ops/life_ aboard.html)