

United Space School 2020 What to Bring

The following is a list of items that you will need to bring with you. Keep in mind that Houston has a subtropical climate (35° to 40° Celsius and 80% to 100% humidity). You should wear lightweight, practical clothes. Always wear sun block (SPF 30 minimum) whenever outside. It is very easy for visitors from more temperate climates to get burned and overheated. Avoid the summer sun when you can. Also to keep in mind; southeast Texas is subject to drenching rain in the summer. Students spend the majority of the time in school dress. *You should only need a few changes of casual clothes.*

School Attire: **Black/Cream/Olive Green/Grey trousers**
 Girls may wear a knee-length skirt
 Closed-toed comfortable walking shoes*
 Team polo shirt (provided)

JEANS ARE NOT TO BE WORN TO SCHOOL

LEGGINGS ARE NOT APPROPRIATE PROFESSIONAL DRESS

*NOTE: it is best not to bring brand new shoes. Break in your shoes before you get here so you will not get blisters. Sport shoes/trainers are not appropriate footwear for school, but you may wear them during free time.

- light jacket, jumper or sweater (A/C is cool)
- lightweight rain jacket or umbrella (optional)
- camera: (also extra batteries & memory cards)
- backpack or school bag
- notebook, pens, computer or tablet
- a portable storage device such as a flash drive or USB drive (optional)
- you can bring a personal computer or tablet, but it is not necessary

HOST HOMES

Personal care products: shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorant/antiperspirant, etc.
A small gift for your host family that is indicative of your culture or interests. This does not need to be expensive.

Host families provide bedding, pillows and towels, etc, Not sure? Ask.

GRADUATION --to be held on the last Sunday--

One nice dress or suit for Closing Ceremony and Banquet

Bring something really nice. Boys: Jacket and tie; Girls: nice party dress

NASA All-Star Soccer Match: white shirt, trainers or tennis shoes & other appropriate sports gear.

FREE TIME

Jeans and shorts may be worn at non-school or evening events

Bathing suit, Beach towel, Sunglasses, Flip flops or sandals, Sun block—SPF 30, minimum

Spending money: \$300.00 should cover souvenirs for Mom and Dad plus a few additional activities, but if you plan to do extra shopping, than you will need to bring more.

CULTURE FAIRE --to be held during the first full weekend of USS—

- All students must make a dish native to their country. Students prepare the main course & Host Families bring desserts. However; if you would like to also prepare a sweet treat that is permitted. Come prepared with the necessary recipe/ingredients/instructions to do this. *It is advised that you practice cooking this dish at least once before you come if you have never made it before.*
- All students are expected to make a presentation or perform a talent at the Culture Faire. You may do this with others from your country or alone. Bring any music, clothing or equipment that you may need to do this. It may be helpful to contact your host family to arrange this. They can be very supportive in getting your supplies, if you let them know ahead of time.
- All information regarding your dish it to be submitted as a preparatory assignment.

Approximately 60 small tokens to give to your classmates and school staff, something small like pins or badges. There will be a time set aside during a school day to exchange these items.

