

### ***Sound Explorations Gear List***

This checklist is for your comfort and safety. As you are packing, keep in mind that the weather on Puget Sound can be very unpredictable, even in the summer. Be prepared for cool, wet weather as well as hot, sunny weather. You may want to bring less than you think. Afterwards, most people feel they brought too much clothing for the trip. Pack thoughtfully. Layers of warm-when-wet fabrics like wool, polypropylene and synthetic fleece will help you keep up with the changes in conditions. Expect to get dirty and wet; don't bring anything too elegant, but focus on functional clothing. Please use a soft pack or duffel bag.

#### **The following items are *necessities*:**

- Warm coat or jacket
- Waterproof rain jacket and pants—no ponchos
- 1-2 wool or synthetic fleece sweaters
- 1-2 long-sleeved shirts
- 1-3 T-shirts
- 1-2 pairs of long pants
- Plenty of wool and cotton socks
- Underwear
- One set of long underwear or sweats (also function as pajamas)
- 1-2 pair of shoes (waterproof pair for shore walks and deckwash, closed-toed shoes must be worn while underway. Sport sandals must have a heel strap— *No flip-flops!*)
- Sleeping bag, outdoor weight
- Small pillow
- Personal toiletry items
- Flashlight
- Pocket change (quarters, for shore showers)
- Bath towel
- Duffel bag or other soft pack
- Wool hat
- Water bottle with your name on it

#### **The following items are *optional*:**

- 1-2 plastic bags for dirty laundry and wet clothes
- Journal, paper and pens
- Gloves for protecting hands when pulling lines or for warmth
- Camera (an inexpensive one is best)
- Binoculars and field guides
- A day pack
- Earplugs
- Cloth napkin (We don't have paper napkins on board)
- Poems or other readings to share

#### **Please *do not bring* the following items:**

- Cell phones
- Radios, boomboxes
- Tape players, Walkmans or headset devices
- Laptops, Palm Pilots, Gameboys or other handheld games or devices
- Illegal drugs or alcohol
- Weapons (not including pre-approved tools)
- Cigarettes: *Smoking is not permitted on the vessel.*
- Gum: *It inevitably ends up on the deck and is very difficult to remove.*
- Any electrical devices such as hair dryers or electric shavers (*medicinal devices okay, with prior approval*)