

Packing Checking List for Music Fest (Bonnaroo or Bust) By Shannon Petrie

Beauty/Hygiene/First Aid

- Sunscreen
- Lip balm with SPF
- Aloe vera
- Bug spray
- Ibuprofen
- Bandages – for blisters
- Neosporin
- Allergy or other medications
- Antibacterial wipes
- Makeup
- Makeup remover wipes
- Hand sanitizer
- Toilet paper
- Hairbrush
- Comb
- Compact mirror
- Nail clippers
- Tweezers
- Deodorant
- Baby powder
- Lotion
- Soap
- Face wash
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Towels
- Shampoo/conditioner – if you're willing to pay and wait in line for a shower
- Razor

Clothes/Gear

- Hat
- Chacos or other sport sandals – When I see people walking around in cute little sandals, I can't help but think about how much their feet are going to hurt by the end of the day. Sturdy, supportive sandals are my footwear of choice. If you buy them specifically for a festival, be sure to break them in for a couple of weeks to avoid blisters.

- Sneakers – I wore mine one day because my Chacos were giving me blisters, but it was a little too hot for them.
- Hiking or rain boots – for wet, muddy days
- Flip flops – for hanging around the campsite
- Athletic socks
- Hiking socks
- Rain jacket/poncho
- Sweatshirt/light jacket
- Bathing suit
- Moisture-wicking short-sleeve shirts (4)
- Tank tops (4)
- Shorts (4)
- Jeans (2)
- Sundresses (1)
- Underwear (8)
- Bras (4)
- Sports bras (4)
- Pajamas (2)
- Sunglasses
- Hair ties
- CamelBak or other hydration pack

Camp Area/Sleeping

- Tent – Don't forget the stakes.
- Canopy – Put it over your tent to block out heat/light, or create a shady seating area right outside of the tent.
- Hammer – for securing tent stakes
- Tarps – Put them under your tent to keep it dry.
- Folding chairs
- Sleeping bag
- Sleeping pad/air mattress – If you're a picky sleeper and have a big enough tent, packing an air mattress is well worth it.
- Battery-operated air pump
- Pillow
- Extra blanket
- Sleeping mask – to block out light in the mornings
- Earplugs – to block out noisy neighbors at night

Food/Drink

I bought a lot of my meals in Centeroo because there were so many yummy-looking things I wanted to try, but I brought a few snacks and light meals for breakfast and lunch.

- Bottled water – The water at Bonnaroo is a bit smelly; I couldn't bring myself to drink it.

- Gatorade
- Five Hour Energy
- Granola bars
- Trail mix
- Bread
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Crackers
- Tuna packets
- Cooler
- Ice or dry ice
- Paper plates
- Plastic utensils
- Paper towels or napkins

Other

- Ziplock bags – for keeping your phone and other stuff in your backpack dry if it rains
- Clorox wipes – for wiping down Porta-Potty seats
- Flashlight/headlamp – for walking from your tent to the Porta-Potty in the dark
- Flag and flag pole – I didn't do this, but a lot of people mark their campsites with a flag or something else that's visible from far away. It can be difficult to find your tent if you don't have a landmark to look for.
- Misting fan – great for cooling off when you can't find shade
- Trash bags
- Blanket – for sitting on at shows
- Books, playing cards, Catchphrase, other games – I woke up around 7 every morning, but the music doesn't start until noon. Plus, you sit around a lot waiting for shows to start. It's nice to have something to entertain yourself that won't drain your phone battery.
- Watch
- Umbrella
- Solar phone charger – This is one thing I didn't bring and wish I had. My phone battery died by day two and the opportunities to charge it were limited.
- Extra batteries
- Cash
- WRISTBAND