



ANIMATE 2025 // PACKING LIST

Clothing

- Cool, comfortable clothes for each day—think shorts, t-shirts, and light layers. You'll be walking outdoors in the heat and spending lots of time in air-conditioned spaces.
- Pajamas, underwear, socks, etc.
- A sweatshirt or light jacket for chilly classrooms and worship spaces.
- Sunglasses and a hat for protection from the Birmingham sun.
- Comfortable shoes for walking around campus.
- **A quick note on modesty:** Please pack clothes that fit well and aren't too revealing. Skip items with inappropriate language or logos. We want everyone to feel at ease.

Toiletries & Dorm Essentials

- Your usual toiletry items: soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.
- Liquid hand soap for your dorm bathroom.
- Towels and washcloths.
- Twin XL or regular twin sheets, a blanket, and a pillow. Dorms can get chilly, so bring what helps you sleep well.
- A trash bag for your dorm room.

Worship & the Arts

- A physical Bible for worship and teaching times. (We'll use the CEB but bring the version you prefer.)
- A musical instrument, if it's portable and part of your creative expression.
- Any artistic supplies you love to use: sketchbooks, pencils, markers, dance shoes, theatre gear, etc.
- We'll have art supplies on hand, but feel free to bring your favorites.
- Please leave weapons, fireworks, or open flames at home.

Other Helpful Items

- Reusable water bottle. You'll need it to stay hydrated.
- Small amount of cash or a debit card—for vending machines or optional purchases.
- Sunscreen. (Yes, you'll be outside.)
- Rain gear. Umbrella, rain jacket, or rain boots—it's Alabama, and it rains.
- Backpack or tote bag for carrying your Bible, notebook, or supplies.
- Any medications you take regularly—prescriptions and daily essentials.
- Technology like phones, tablets, or laptops if you use them for creating art. Samford is wifi-enabled, but there will be clear boundaries about when tech is used.