

Storm Chase Packing List

- You are limited to 1 medium-size gym bag....so pack light. We aren't climbing Everest out there!
 - You can periodically do laundry at lodging stops (we keep a supply of detergent in the vans), so essentially pack for 4-5 days of clothing wear.
 - It is VITAL that we keep clutter in the vans to a minimum: we must have clear routes into and out of the vehicles (i.e. without climbing/tripping over gear) as we may need to move in a hurry as seconds may count toward missed action or safe retreat).
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- ✓ 3-4 sets of warm weather clothes (shorts/shirts)
 - ✓ 1 pair long pants
 - ✓ 1 long sleeve t-shirt or sweatshirt*
 - ✓ 4-5 pair socks/underwear (an additional pair of underwear may be needed if we have a close tornado intercept ☺)
 - ✓ Hat for sun
 - ✓ SUNGLASSES!
 - ✓ Lightweight nylon rain jacket/windbreaker (optional but HIGHLY recommended)
 - ✓ Swim suit (optional for hotel pools)
 - ✓ Personal items (bath supplies, toothbrush, medication, sunscreen, etc.)
 - ✓ Camera / Video equipment (w/ batteries & charger)**
 - ✓ Small writing pad/pen (for completing the daily convective analyses)
 - ✓ Boredom tools (iPod, book, etc.)
 - ✓ Atlas of the U.S. (optional, but useful; paper maps are always foolproof & to track your trip)
 - ✓ Cell phone for personal calls (optional of course!)
 - ✓ Laptop (optional...keep accessories to a minimum)

*even if temperatures are hot on a given day, the air temperature and outflow around storms can be chilly. A lightweight wind breaker is also a good choice. Heavy rain gear suitable for commercial salmon fishing in Alaska is not needed!

*with any still/video camera you bring, make certain that you know how to use it well! Be able to adjust settings, change tapes/disks, etc. in low light, etc.