

# Suggested Packing List for Bahamian Conservation Biology Study Abroad Summer 2017

## IDENTIFICATION

- Passport

## GENERAL SUGGESTIONS

- Notebook, pencils, pens
- Mask, snorkel, fins, and mesh bag\*
- Plastic drinking container / water bottle
- Sunglasses
- Toothbrush, soap, shampoo
- 2 towels (bedding provided)
- Waterproof sunscreen
- Insect Repellent
- Laptop\*\*
- Flashlight
- Cash in small denominations
- Underwater camera (optional)
- Motion sickness medication (optional)

## CLOTHING SUGGESTIONS

- Lightweight, long-sleeved shirt
- Lightweight shorts
- 1 pair lightweight pants
- Lightweight shirts
- Lightweight windbreaker / jacket / poncho
- Swimsuits
- Tennis shoes, flip-flops or sandals, water shoes
- Hat or visor

**SCUBA GEAR** (certified divers only; optional; may have opportunity for dives at extra cost)

- Regulator, Octopus
- Buoyancy compensator with power inflator
- Alternate air source
- Depth and submersible pressure gauges
- Certification card and log book
- Optional: whistle, compass, wetsuit (esp. November-May), light, underwater slate

**Luggage:** We recommend packing toiletries, swimsuit, and change of clothes in a carry-on bag if possible, as this can prove very useful if your checked bag arrives a day or so late. Check with your respective airlines regarding their specific luggage allowance policies.

**Clothing:** You will have 1 opportunity to do laundry during the trip (this costs several dollars).

**Spending Money:** Do not expect to be able to use credit/debit cards for purchases, or to access ATM machines, on the island. These capabilities are growing on the island, but are still rare. American currency is accepted in the Bahamas—bring the cash you think you will need. Typical expenses include personal items (drinks, snacks), souvenirs—all meals, lodging, and transportation included in program fee.

\*This is important—we strongly recommend personal snorkeling gear. We cannot guarantee access to borrow or rent snorkeling gear.

\*\*Note that we strongly recommend you bring a laptop if possible. This is because of the nature of the scientific research involved in this course—each research team will need to record data, analyze data, write methods, revise proposal, etc. during the trip. Some projects involve considerable amounts of digital video data that will require analysis on computers during the course. All teams should have at least 1-2 laptops to properly conduct the research. We will provide at least 1 laptop for use during the course (and probably a tablet or two).