

VERMONT GOVERNOR'S INSTITUTE ON THE ARTS
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HERE IS WHAT YOU SHOULD BRING TO GIA

- **\$35.00 key deposit** (for Castleton State College)
- **Bedding** (including pillows, sheets, towels, soap. You may also want to bring a mattress pad because the mattresses are plastic-covered and very sticky in the heat! They are also extra-long twin beds...a funny size...)
- **Fan** (There is no air conditioning in the dorms.)
- **Toiletries**
- **Reading light/lamp** (optional)
- **Bug repellent**
- **Rain coat / umbrella**
- **Alarm Clock**
- **Flashlight**
- **White tee-shirt and white pants or skirt for the Parade** (Very important! Don't forget!)
- **Clothes for all kinds of weather** (Hot, cold, rainy...)
- **Clothes you can mess up** (You might just take that painting workshop...)
- **Dress-up clothes** (This is optional, but community members often like to dress up in fancy dresses or silly outfits for performances like contra dancing night, faculty show, and so on...)
- **Laundry detergent and quarters** (The residence hall has coin-operated washers and dryers.)
- **Your journal**
- **Phone card** (The dormitory telephones require phone cards to dial out.)
- **Musical instruments** (especially if you might want to join the parade band!)
- **Pocket money** for vending machines, snacks, bookstore items, etc. We also sell t-shirts, tank tops and sweatshirts, so you might want up to \$20 for that.
- **Paper, Writing Utensils**
- **Stamps** (Also available at the campus post office.)
- **Anything you might want to share with the community** (You can run your own workshops, and may want to collaborate with other students.)
- **Bedroom decorations** (Whatever will make you feel that Castleton is your home away from home...)

HERE IS WHAT YOU SHOULD NOT BRING TO GIA

- Cell phones (If you must bring one to communicate with your parents, it must stay in your room.)
- iPods (Again, only to be used in your suite if you must bring one.)
- Computer (Unless you plan to use it to make art.)
- Pets
- Television sets
- Video games
- Etc... We are not responsible for your valuables, and therefore really do not recommend bringing your electronic items!

HERE ARE SOME OTHER THINGS TO KNOW

- GIA T-shirts will be for sale on Registration Day, on the 4th of July, and on the day of our Final Ceremony, supplies pending!
- Parents are welcome for the parade and may join you for lunch on campus, but must be gone by 1:00pm that day. **You are not to have visitors at any other time.**
- There is no wireless internet access in the dorms. If you need to go online, you may do so at the Castleton State College Library.
- You are welcome to check books out of the Library.
- The dorms are located about a 10-minute walk from the Fine Arts Center, where most classes are held.
- We hope you will get to know each other! That's why we try to give you a roommate you don't already know.
- You will take two classes, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. You will choose them on the first night you are here after getting to learn more about what is offered.
- We offer workshops at all hours of the day... and so can you! What would you like to teach? What would you like to learn or do? The sky's the limit... in the past we've had workshops on book-making, jewelry-making, creative napping, yoga, theater games, and so many more...
- The Box Office in the Fine Arts Center is where Donny, Elizabeth, Corey & Sarah are located. You can always find one of us there between 1:30pm and 2:00pm, and between 4:00 and 4:30pm. We are there most other times, too!
- We get GIA mail daily and keep it near the Box Office. You can check there for letters and packages.
- There is a letterbox for outgoing mail on the ledge by the Box Office.

The mailing address is:

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