The Chesapeake Semester Backpack

Due to the fact that we are on the road, learning, swimming, hiking, writing, observing, etc., you will need to be prepared at all times. The system we have developed is the “Chesapeake Semester Backpack.” This will come in handy during each of our Journeys, from hiking in Shenandoah to visiting a farmer in Kent County to traveling in Belize.

For **all of the Journeys** the following equipment will be needed:
- Water bottle (1 liter)
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Pens and pencils
- Small dry bag for iPad, electronics, and paper
- Rain jacket
- Maps/ readings/ other relevant materials
- Field notebook (http://www.riteintherain.com/) (recommended)
- Binoculars (recommended)
- Cameras (personal recommended, MPC cameras available.)
- Bandanas (recommended)
- Rain cover for backpack (recommended)

**Specifications:**

The backpack doesn’t have to be anything special, but it should be comfortable and it should fit everything that you need. Some students prefer more specialized packs, like the above left picture. Others find a simpler bag, like above right, perfectly sufficient. General sizes range from 1200 cubic inches to 2000 cu in. If it is waterproof or water resistant, awesome! If not, no big deal, but we do require having a dry bag to keep contents dry.