Packing Suggestions

Essential Items:
- Two sets of linens for an extra-long twin mattress
- Pillow
- Mattress cover
- Blankets
- Bedspread
- Towels
- Personal hygiene products
- Shower sandals
- Shower supplies
- Seasonal clothing plus a few things to get you through unexpected weather changes
- Underwear and socks—current students suggest a two-week supply
- Bathrobe
- Clothes hangers
- Laundry basket or heavy-duty bag
- Laundry detergent, fabric softener
- School supplies (paper clips, scissors, paper, highlighters, pens, stapler, etc.)
- Backpack
- Key ring
- Wastebasket
- Umbrella
- Phone
- Special personal items that make you feel at home
- Desk lamp
- UL-approved surge protector
- Alarm clock
- Cleaning supplies
- A fan (note: Geiger is not air-conditioned)

Other things to bring that aren’t necessarily essential:
- Computer
- Carpet remnant
- Athletic clothes, shoes or equipment
- Ironing board/iron
- Sewing kit with safety pins
- Small microwave
- Small refrigerator (6 cubic feet or less)
- Stereo/MP3 player
- TV
- Eating utensils and microwave-safe dishes (along with soap and sponges to wash them)
- Crates for storing books and clothes
- Dry-erase board for messages
- Stationery, envelopes and stamps
- Posters
- Pictures
- Material to hang stuff on the walls—we recommend 3M Command strips (no nails!)
- Food (snacks you can prepare in your room like instant soup, Easy Mac, and soda or juice)
- Bike & bike lock

Leave these items at home—they are not permitted in the residence halls:
- Halogen lamps
- Pets (except fish)
- Lofts (except for those rented from bedloft.com)
- Open-coil appliances such as toasters and hot plates
- Waterbeds
- Candles/incense
- Extension cords
- Road/traffic signs
- Weapons
- Laser pointers
- Drinking games/drinking game paraphernalia

Special note regarding insurance:
North Central College is not responsible for the damage, loss or theft of personal belongings. We encourage all residents to purchase renter’s insurance or to check their families’ homeowner’s insurance policies to see if their belongings will be covered while they live in the residence halls. Remember to record the serial numbers of your valuable possessions for insurance purposes.