



## Art Retreat Supply List

All these supplies should fit into a small backpack and be used on your lap. Please bring anything else you need to be comfortable painting, including any of the suggestions below:

**SKETCHBOOK** of your choice! Joa & Kelly recommend a watercolor sketchbook (140 lb minimum) with a landscape binding, size 8.5" x 11" or smaller. They particularly enjoy the [Stillman & Birn Beta series sketchbooks](#). If your sketchbook doesn't have a hard cover, it can help to have support under your sketchbook while working in the field, like a clipboard or piece of foam board.

**BRUSHES:** in addition to your tried-and-true favorites, below are some suggested brushes!

- ¼" stroke.
- ½" stroke.
- #4 round.

### **GOUACHE TUBES (14 ml):**

- Ultramarine blue.
- Yellow ochre.
- Viridian green.
- Alizarin crimson.
- Zinc white.
- Any other favorite colors you use often!

**[PLASTIC PAINT PALETTE](#)** with adequate space for mixing colors. Paint should be squeezed into the palette prior to the retreat so that you're not dealing with a messy palette.

**WATERPROOF PENS** Please bring one or two black ink pens with waterproof ink. You can choose fine or brush nibs (or both) based on your personal preference. Suggested brands: Sakura Pigma Micron PN, Copic Multiliner, or Staedtler Pigment Liner Markers.

**PENCIL** Regular or mechanical. Don't forget a pencil sharpener and a small baggie to catch pencil shavings if you bring a regular pencil!

**WATER CONTAINERS** You'll need two small cups to hold water while painting and two containers to carry water. [Collapsible cups](#) are terrific for saving space when hiking and backpacking, but not

necessary for the workshop. Nalgene's or [soft water bottles](#) are great for carrying water — you'll need one to refill your water cup and one to carry out dirty paint water.

### **SMALL WATER SPRAY BOTTLE**

### **ERASER**

### **HARDBOARD**

### **PAPER TOWELS**

### **BINDER CLIPS**

### **LARGE RUBBER BANDS**

### **EQUIPMENT & GEAR TO BRING (in addition to your art supplies):**

Remember that you want to be able to carry your supplies efficiently! Come prepared with a setup that is compact enough to carry around and move from location to location. Striking a balance between comfort and efficiency is the key.

- **Backpack** to hold all your supplies! This will help keep your hands free as you walk around.
- **A portable stool, camping chair**, sitting pad, towel or plastic trash bag to sit on.
- **Water bottle** for drinking water.
- **Weather appropriate attire** (packable waterproof jacket for unexpected rainstorms).
- **Sturdy, water resistant hiking shoes or boots.**
- **Personal first aid kit.**
- **Sunscreen/hat and sunglasses.**
- **Bug repellent.**
- **Lunch, snacks, and extra food.**
- **Bicycle** (optional; but can be helpful to bring in order to get around Yosemite Valley to different class locations!).