



**Camp Pathfinder**  
**Clothing and Equipment List**  
*2018 Season*

Camper Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Please label all belongings.**  
**Provide spare labeled keys for any trunk and duffel locks.**

*This is a suggested list, based on our experience for a camper's 3 1/2-week stay.  
You can adjust your packing for a shorter stay camper.  
Overnight laundry service is available for the camper once per week during his stay.*

***These items can be ordered in advance from Pathfinder if desired:***

- \*\*1 sleeping bag (prefer 20F-degree rating, be sure to get a highly compressible synthetic fill)
- \*\*1 waterproof dry bag (size 30-litre, called a SealLine Baja Bag 30)
- \*\*1 canoe paddle (optional to bring your own, purchase one at camp for cost, or use a camp paddle free)
- \*\*1 hooded sweatshirt (optional)

**The List:**

- 1 sleeping bag (see above)
- 1 SeaLine 30 litre dry bag (see above)
- 1 life vest / pfd (choose a front zip or side zip paddling model)
- 1 set of sheets and 1-2 blankets for a twin-size camp mattress
- 1 pillow and 2 cases
- 2 fleece jackets and/or wool blend sweaters (medium weight warmth that wicks)
- 1 quality rain jacket. Waterproof-breathable / No ponchos! / Rain pants optional except long trippers
- 1 pair trip boots (pack extra insoles for full season, and break in the boots by wearing before camp)
- 2 pair sneakers or 1 sneakers and 1 closed-toe sandals for campsite shoes (old is fine, they'll get very dirty)
- 3 pair shorts (the kids love cargo shorts and knee-length athletic shorts)
- 2 pair long pants
- 6-8 pair under shorts
- 6 t-shirts
- 1-2 long sleeve crew neck shirts (wicking fabric preferred)
- 2 long-sleeved shirts
- 1 bathing suit
- 1 pair sleepwear optional
- 6 pair trip socks (we encourage "Smartwool" or a merino wool-synthetic blend, e.g. "Darn Tuff" etc.)
- 4 pair general purpose socks (cotton or blends)
- 1 hat (ball caps ok, hats with neck and ear coverage desirable)
- 1 pr sunglasses (basic uv protection for young eyes, nothing fancy; add a neck cord)
- 1 flashlight or headlamp with extra batteries (buy best-quality batteries, it's worth it)
- 1 small container of sunscreen (spf 15-30 – no aerosol)
- 1 small container of insect repellent (avoid high % DEET; try natural or citronella formulas – no aerosol)
- 1 toilet kit – (send only biodegradable soap and shampoo/camp will provide some free as well)
- 1 bath towel (lighter weights dry quicker)
- 1 washcloth or scrub loofa and small amount of bio-friendly soap/shampoo
- 1 labeled drawstring laundry bag (no mesh bags are accepted by the laundry service)

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For senior Otts and AA Campers taking Long Trips: in addition to fleece above -

- 1 pr. Highest-quality waterproof/breathable raingear (jacket and pants required)
- 1 pr. base layers – crewneck and pant -- light, warm, breathable (smartwools preferred)
- 1 high quality mid-layer - fleece or shelled synthetic fill jacket (high quality required)
- 1 pr. Fleece pants or lined windproof track pants
- 1 pr. light gloves and a warm knit hat are required for AA campers.
- 1 Thermarest ‘TrailLite’ or ‘Prolite’ mattress pad

**Special Notes:**

- Technology: Pathfinder provides a rare opportunity to live simply in a natural setting. When restricting or prohibiting any items at Pathfinder, we are concerned with the health, safety, comfort and feelings of everyone in the community.

Technology items in particular are not permitted, in order to open our senses to the world of Algonquin and to traditional, vibrant social interaction. Any camper game machines, music players, phones, handhelds, laptops etc. will be locked up in the camp safe on arrival and returned to the Camper for the trip home. Cameras are certainly ok. Cell phone for use as camera or clock is not permitted.

- Camp knife: small camp knives are permitted at our camp. Their use will be taught and supervised. The youngest campers will keep their knives with their counselors., A typical Pathfinder boy’s camp knife would be a small lock-blade pocket knife, a small blade sheath knife, or a swiss army type knife or gerber type multi-tool. Boys will whittle, cut cord, kindling, craft supplies, or trail food. Small is smart. Large hunting style or military knives are not appropriate. The Staff will monitor and teach responsible use of camp knives, and will immediately confiscate any knife used in an improper or unsafe manner.
- Canoe paddles - Camp provides paddles for the season no charge, but if your son would like his own, order a custom Pathfinder paddle in his size. Measure him floor-to-nose and call us with your order. Prices are charged to candy store account and run about \$35CN. Older campers seeking expensive whitewater paddles need parent permission, but we can obtain them once the boys arrive at camp. Price @ \$85CN.

(Pathfinder Early Birds automatically receive a free new paddle on arrival.)

- A Note on Hygiene and Bathing: We bathe in the lake at Pathfinder, so it’s important to have the least impact by using soaps that do not leave phosphates or residues in the water. Good soap choices are Camp Suds, Burt’s Bees or Dr. Bronner’s. Good shampoo choices are Herbal Essence or Burt’s Bees. Please be sure to send your Camper with a washcloth or loofah, and teach him how to clean and trim his nails.

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### **The Required Items**

Sleeping Bag  
Dry Bag  
Rain jacket  
Life Jacket  
Hat  
Pillow  
Laundry Bag  
Head lamp  
Water bottle (available at camp)  
Wash kit (soap, shampoo, loofah)

### **Some Optional Recommended Items**

Rain pants  
Books and magazines  
Camera  
Ball Glove  
Lacrosse Stick  
Fishing rod  
Musical Instrument  
Sunglasses  
Day pack  
Sheets/Blankets  
Citronella based repellents  
Personal paddle

### **Not Recommended at Camp**

Personal electronics (put in camp safe)  
Cash (put in camp safe)  
Fine Watches  
Jewelry  
Trading Card Games  
Misc. Valuables / Collectibles  
Any open-toed sandals or river shoes  
100% DEET Bug Repellents  
Sports or energy drinks  
Junk Food & Beverage powders

### **Not Permitted at Camp**

Alcohol, Tobacco, illicit Drugs  
Aerosol Cans of any kind  
Lighters & Matches  
Open Flame lanterns  
Cell phones  
Computer tablets or laptops  
Gaming devices  
Consumer medications (infirmary only)  
Any open-toed shoes  
Non eco-friendly soaps  
Inappropriate literature  
Offensive clothing/pictures  
Military Knives  
Martial Arts items / Weapons  
Fireworks  
Personal Canoes or boats  
Personal Bikes  
Personal Climbing Gear