



## Camp Pathfinder Clothing and Equipment List

2024 Season

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

### Please label all belongings.

*This is a suggested list, based on our experience for a camper's 3 1/2-week stay. You can adjust your packing and reduce the quantity of items for a shorter stay camper. Please be sure your camper has the 'essentials' no matter his session-length. Overnight laundry service is available for the camper @ once or twice during his stay.*

#### ***These items can be ordered at-cost, in advance, from Pathfinder if desired:***

- sleeping bag (20°F-rating, compressible synthetic fill for packing in dry bags)
- waterproof dry bag (size 30-litre, called a SealLine Baja Bag 30)
- hooded sweatshirt
- life vest, a Canadian certified PFD

#### ***Campers will need:***

- 1 sleeping bag (see above)
- 1 set of sheets and 1-2 light blankets for a twin-size camp mattress
- 1 pillow and 2 cases
- 1 day pack
- 1 folding camp chair
- 1 SeaLine Baja 30 litre dry bag (see above)
- 1 life vest / pfd (choose a front zip or side zip paddling model)
- 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)
- 1 pair 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 undershorts
- 4-6 t-shirts and / or 1-2 long sleeve crew neck shirts (wicking fabric-cotton blends preferred)
- 1-2 long-sleeved collared shirt (boys often wear these tripping or to Sunday gatherings or Banquet)
- 1 bathing suit
- 1 pair sleepwear optional
- 4-6 pair trip socks (we encourage or a merino wool-synthetic blend "Smartwool", "Darn Tuff" etc.)
- 2-4 pair general purpose socks (cotton or blends)
- 1 brimmed hat (ball caps ok, hats with neck and ear coverage desirable)
- 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 as needed) 1 washcloth or scrub loofa and small amount of bio-friendly soap/shampoo
- 1 bath towel (lighter weights dry quicker)
- 1 labeled drawstring laundry bag (no mesh bags are accepted by the laundry service)

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**For senior AA & LIT 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 for AA campers.

***\*Make sure your senior camper has a new or like-new dry bag that does not leak.***

**Other Special Notes:**

We are Low-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 and wrist watches\* are certainly ok. Cell phone for use as camera or clock is not permitted. (\*note – wrist-watches on trips are at the Headman’s discretion.)

Camp knife: sensible 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 fixed 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 camper’s use, 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 \$75CN. This is at-cost to camp. Older campers seeking expensive whitewater paddles need parent permission, but we can obtain them once the boys arrive at camp. Price @ \$85 - \$120CN.

A Note on Hygiene and Bathing: We bathe in the lake at Pathfinder, having less environmental impact than the hot water and sanitizers of shower houses. 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 Live Clean or Burt’s Bees. Please be sure to send your Camper with a washcloth or loofah, and teach him how to clean ears and trim his nails.

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### **The Required Items**

Sleeping Bag  
Sheets/Blankets/Pillow  
Towel  
Dry Bag  
Rain jacket  
Life Jacket  
Hat  
Pillow  
Laundry Bag  
Head lamp  
Water bottle (available at camp)  
Wash kit (soap, shampoo, washcloth)  
Masks  
Folding camp chair

### **Some Optional Items**

Hammock  
Rain pants  
Books and magazines  
Camera  
Ball Glove  
Lacrosse Stick  
Fishing rod  
Musical Instrument  
Sunglasses  
Day pack  
Citronella based repellents  
Personal paddle  
Pack Towel

### **Not Recommended at Camp**

Electronics (will be put in camp safe)  
Cash (will be put in camp safe)  
Jewelry or Fine Watches  
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  
Headphones  
Consumer medications (infirmary only)  
Open-toed shoes-sandals  
Non eco-friendly soaps  
Inappropriate literature  
Offensive clothing/pictures  
Military Knives  
Martial Arts items / Weapons  
Fireworks  
Personal Canoes, SUPs, Kayaks  
Personal Bikes  
Personal Climbing Gear