

Northwaters and Langskib Travel Information

On the first day of the session we meet participants in Toronto, Ottawa and Temagami. On the second to last day, parents have the option of visiting our Northwaters basecamp to celebrate their participants return (see below for details). On the last day of the program we drop off in Toronto, Ottawa or Temagami.

Toronto: *Toronto Pearson International Airport before 12:00 noon on the first day of the program*

For those flying to Toronto: We will rendezvous at the Toronto Pearson International Airport on the first day of the program. Please schedule a flight that allows your participant to make it through customs and baggage claim with ample time to ride on our 12:00 noon bus from Toronto to Temagami. It is imperative we depart Pearson at noon in order to have participants safely at our basecamps in Temagami by nightfall. If you cannot find a flight that arrives by 11am, please plan to arrive the night before after 4pm. (see below for further details).

Upon arrival, participants flying from the US and abroad will collect their baggage, pass through customs and then **exit into the terminal** where a camp representative will be waiting with a Northwaters & Langskib (NWL) sign. Your duffle bag helps make it easy for us to identify you. Canadian participants flying domestically will do the same except they will not pass through customs. Our airport staff will keep apprised of flight changes, delays and arrival times and will call the number(s) provided on your travel form with any questions or concerns. We will board our charter bus for the five-hour trip north to Temagami promptly at noon. We will provide lunch along the way and will arrive at basecamp in time for dinner. Please have your child keep a water bottle in their day bag, and if you send snacks for the ride, please NO NUTS.

Many airlines require that if your child is under age 13 they be registered with the airline as an "Unaccompanied Minor". For more information please contact the airline directly, as policies vary.

Departure flights should be scheduled on the last day of the program after 4:00 pm.

Note to participants flying into Toronto from foreign countries and distant states/provinces: If flights cannot be scheduled to arrive in Toronto to catch our noon bus, participants can arrive **the evening before any time after 4:00 pm**. Upon arrival, participants will collect their baggage, pass through customs and then **exit into the terminal** where a camp representative will be waiting with an NWL sign. Supervision, lodging and meals will be provided for an additional fee of \$150 (charged when you indicate on your travel form if you will be arriving a day early). Alternatively, you can look for a direct flight into North Bay, Ontario (YYB) between 3:00-7:00 pm on the first day of the program. North Bay is one hour south of Temagami. Our Toronto bus will pick up children flying into North Bay on their way to Temagami.

For those traveling to Toronto by car: We will rendezvous **INSIDE** the Toronto Pearson International Airport on the first day of the program by 11:45am. A staff person with an NWL sign will be located inside the **Arrivals Level of Terminal #3, International Area**. Please plan to arrive between 11:00 and 11:45 am. After we have met participants arriving by both plane and car, we will board our charter bus promptly at noon for the five-hour trip north to Temagami. We will provide lunch along the way and will arrive at basecamp in time for dinner. Please have your child keep a water bottle in their day bag, and if you send snacks for the ride, please NO NUTS.

On the last day of the program, you may pick your child up at the same location inside Pearson between 2:30 - 3:00 pm.

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Ottawa: 11:00am at Ikea parking lot “A” in Ottawa, Hwy 417 exit 129 on the first day

Participants will meet NWL staff members in the Ikea shopping centre parking lot “A” in Ottawa at 11:00 am on the first day of the program. The shopping centre is on Iris Street at exit 129 off Highway 417 (Pinecrest/Greenbank Roads). Look for our van/bus in the parking lot between the bank of multi-coloured IKEA flags and the highway near Chapters/Starbucks. Together we will travel by van the 5 hours north to Temagami. We will provide lunch along the way and will arrive at basecamp in time for dinner. Please have your child keep a water bottle in their day bag, and if you send snacks for the ride, please NO NUTS.

On the last day of the program, participants and staff will return to the same location between 2:30 and 3:00 pm.

Temagami: Lakeland Airways in Temagami at 5:30 pm on the first day of the program.

If you are driving to Temagami to drop off your child, we will rendezvous on the first day of the program between 5:00 and 6:00 pm at Lakeland Airways, 25 Lake Shore Drive. You can see Lakeland from the road as you drive north into town. Temagami is a small town and the folks at Lakeland are very friendly. You can leave gear on the dock and walk around town if you get in early. Weather permitting; Langskib participants fly to Langskib island basecamp by floatplane once the rest of the participants arrive on the busses from Toronto and Ottawa. Northwaters participants drive to the boat launch and travel to Northwaters Island by motorboat.

On the last day of the program, you may pick up your child at the end of the Temagami Access Road, Manitou Landing and/or join us out at basecamp on the second to last day for the end of session BBQ (further details below).

Unaccompanied Minors

Unaccompanied Minor (UM) guidelines and fees are particular to each airline carrier. Typically, airlines need to know the name, address and phone number of the person who will be meeting your child as they exit through customs and into the terminal meeting area. You may use Jen’s contact information when you book. We cannot assign specific staff to airport pickups until a few days prior to arrivals and simply don’t know well in advance who exactly will be at the arrivals level to meet your child. Please let us know on your travel form if your son or daughter will be traveling as a UM and we will contact you with the information you need to give the airline as soon as it is confirmed on our end. ***If you are unable to pay for the UM return flight prior, please send your child with enough cash to cover the return UM fee.***

Non-Canadian Residents

All participants should travel with a passport, whether they are flying or driving. In addition to a passport, minors traveling without their parent/guardian will also **need a signed letter from parents/guardians** stating that they are traveling in Canada to attend a wilderness canoeing program in Temagami, Ontario (see sample below). All airline tickets, passports, cash, electronics, medication, cell phones and other valuables will be collected for safekeeping upon arrival at basecamp.

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End of Session BBQ

To celebrate the participants' journey we hold an end of session barbecue at Northwaters basecamp, to which parents are invited (sorry, no pets). If you are unable to attend the BBQ and pick-up your child then, we transport participants back to the mainland, Toronto and Ottawa on the last day of the session. See above for return travel details.

The BBQ is held on the **second to last day of the session**. The BBQ is a great way to get a sense of your child's experience, meet our staff, and tour our basecamp facility— the delicious food is an added bonus. Staff will meet parents at the end of the Temagami Access Road by the Manitou landing at 12:00 noon on the day of the BBQ and boat them to basecamp. You will be welcomed at Northwaters with a light snack and can tour the facility in time for the participants to paddle in at approximately 2:00 pm. Please indicate on your travel form if you plan to attend the BBQ, how many parents will be joining us, and if you plan to tent camp at Northwaters. Please RSVP by May 15th.

If you can't make it to the Manitou Landing for our 12:00 noon shuttle but would still like to attend the BBQ, there are two means of charter transportation out to Northwaters: Lakeland Airways offers floatplane service from the town of Temagami (705.569.3455) and Loon Lodge offers water taxi services which depart from the end of the Temagami Access Road (705.237.8918).

At the end of the BBQ, we boat parents back to the Manitou landing after festivities between 8:00-9:00 pm, or you may arrange a water taxi at your convenience. You are welcome to spend the night at Northwaters and boat out the following morning with the participants, although accommodations are somewhat rustic. Parents spending the night should bring sleeping bags/pads, we will provide the tent. Alternatively, there are several places off-island to stay overnight nearby. We recommend the following local accommodations, but you can visit the [Temagami Chamber of Commerce](#) for more accommodation options or try North Bay, a large town an hour south. We recommend you book your stay EARLY!

[Temagami Shores Inn & Resort](#)

(705.569.3200) Location: on the way into the town of Temagami, off Hwy 11

[Ket-Chun-Eny Lodge](#)

(705.237.8952) Location: on Lake Temagami across from the Manitou Landing

[Loon Lodge](#) (705.237.8918)

Location: on Lake Temagami near the landings There is a foot trail to Loon Lodge

[Finlayson Point Provincial Park](#) (705.569.3205)

Location: just outside of town off Highway 11 —public campgrounds with facilities