

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

[Smoothwater Lodge](#)

(705.868.6464) Location: 10 miles north of Temagami, off Hwy 11

Northwaters and Langskib Wilderness Canoe Programs Gear List

NWL provides all of the group camping and canoeing equipment. Individuals are responsible for bringing their personal gear. There is no need to buy expensive gear; you may have many of these items already or find them at a second-hand store.

Comfortable, durable clothes appropriate for wilderness travel in the changeable Temagami weather will make all the difference in your experience on trail. Conditions range from cold and wet, to hot and sunny, sometimes in the same day. Packable layers are key, as are synthetic materials that will keep you warm even when wet. Clothing will see hard use and will be carried by you inside your dry bag, inside your Duluth, inside your canoe and on portages. Size, quantity and versatility of items should be considered.

Generally speaking, participants pack one set of clothes/shoes to wear during the day for portaging, paddling and hiking and a different set of clothes/shoes for the evenings for setting up camp, cooking and sleeping. Check out our [How to Pack for a Canoe Trip](#) video here.

Please label each item with your first and last name. NWL cannot be responsible for items damaged, lost, or left behind.

- Duffle Bag** Everything you bring to program should fit in this bag. Due to the rugged nature of our basecamps, the duffle is the best way to transport your gear from home to camp. We will provide a special canoe pack (Duluth) for you to take on trail. Your duffle and any extra items will stay securely behind at basecamp.

Personal Camping Gear

- River Bag/Dry Bag** 55-liter waterproof bag holds your trail clothing and personal gear within the Duluth.
- Day Pack and/or Dry Bag** Holds personal items you need to access throughout the day (sunscreen, water bottle, rain gear, warm layer, bug spray etc.). A small 15-20 liter dry bag can work on its own, or act as a day pack liner (to keep items within waterproof). Day pack should be durable, compact, and no larger than a 20-30 liter capacity.
- Sleeping Bag** Compact mummy-type bag rated for 5°C or 40°F with maximum packed size of 50x25cm. Here's a nice [article on the types of sleeping bags](#) suitable for backcountry camping.
- Sleeping Pad** Compact closed-cell foam or self-inflating Therma-Rest type, NOT inflatable air mattress or cushion. Here's a good [article on the types of sleeping pads](#) suitable for backcountry camping.
- 1-liter Water Bottle** Durable aluminum, stainless steel or heavy duty plastic. Wide mouth Nalgene ideal.
- Sunglasses** UV rated. Attachment cord recommended.
- Headlamp or Flashlight** With extra batteries.
- Mess Kit** Fork, spoon and cup. Insulated cup is nice, but not necessary.
- Knife** For camp chores/crafts and cooking. Folding or sheath, simple or multi-tool, 2-3" blade ideal.

Clothing

- Underwear** Enough for the duration of your stay, at your discretion.
- Two long underwear tops** Long sleeve wool, synthetic fiber or polyester blend. Quick dry, not cotton.
- One pair of long underwear bottoms** Wool, synthetic or polyester blend. Quick dry, not cotton.
- One pair of fleece pants** Or other warm, loose fitting, light weight, durable, quick-drying material.
- One pair of long quick-dry pants** Nylon "hiking pants" or synthetic "track pants" are perfect.

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- Four pair of warm wool socks** Or material designed to insulate like wool.
- Two pair of shorts** Lightweight and durable.
- Two t-shirts** Synthetic fiber or poly-blend, limit cotton.
- One swimsuit** 2-piece preferable.

Outerwear

- One sun hat** Any lightweight hat with brim.
- One warm hat/toque** Wool or fleece preferred.
- Two fleece jackets or pullovers** One for daytime “wet fleece” and one for nighttime “dry fleece”.
- One rain jacket** Coated/rubberized nylon is fine. Expensive/breathable jackets are nice, not necessary.
- One set of rain pants** Super helpful in the rain and as an insulating layer.
- One pair of daytime ‘Wet Shoes’** Durable, supportive, FULLY ENCLOSED sneakers or light hikers are best. NO BOOTIES OR SANDALS. Worn all day paddling, portaging and hiking.
- One pair of nighttime ‘Dry Shoes’** To change into in the evening after washing and drying your feet. Should also be lightweight, durable and fully enclosed. Sneakers are perfect. No leather please.

Toiletries

- Sunblock** Waterproof 30-SPF lotion recommended.
- Bug repellent** Non-aerosol. The most effective insect repellents contain some percentage of DEET.
- Toothbrush/toothpaste** Environmentally friendly, travel size.
- Biodegradable liquid soap** Dr Bronners or CampSuds type brand.

Miscellaneous

- 1-2 comfortable travel/basecamp outfits** Cotton, jeans, hoodies, sweatshirt/pants are fine. These are clothes you can wear in the front country and will stay behind, clean and dry, at basecamp.
- Towel** Primarily for swimming at basecamp. If taking on trail, bring small chamois-type fabric.
- Giveaway** Northwaters/Northern Lights or **Trade Item** Excalibur/Langskib (see Confirmation Packet)
- Camera** Optional. Disposable and/or waterproof recommended- NOT your phone.
- Journal** Optional. Book or other small packable hobby/craft item.
- Personal Identification or travel documents as needed** Will be stored securely at basecamp.
- Fishing rod/tackle** Optional for personal use during down time, rod should be stored in a tube.
- Money** Optional \$25-50 for camp store if your parents aren’t coming to the BBQ.

Leave at home- any of the follow items brought to basecamp will be collected, and returned at departure

- NUT PRODUCTS** For the safety of all, NWL is a nut safe program and facility.
- SNACKS/CANDY** Personal food is not safe, we provide ample calories (see Confirmation for details)
- PHONE or other electronics** Will be safely stored with other valuables at basecamp.