

What to Bring: Junior Maine Guide

Dear Campers,

During this 4 week program, you will be staying at a campsite in a tent when at Bryant Pond. You will be staying at remote campsites along the trail or on a lake or river during our backpacking and canoe trips. Please be prepared for warm or cool weather as well as rain and wind. Weather conditions during outdoor activities can often become dangerous because of what is called “exposure”. This program takes place in remote areas with limited access, so preparation is important. Our clothing list reflects “how to dress” knowledge. **Also: Please put your name on everything you bring!**

*Note: Please leave all jewelry and other expensive belongings at home. Cell phones, iPods, electronic games and devices, hair dryers, knives, lighters, matches, and food (including candy and gum) are **not permitted at Camp**. Our programs are designed to give you a chance to “unplug” and enjoy nature to its fullest.*

**UMaine4HC is not responsible for damage to, or theft of these items.*

Necessary Items:

Hint: Synthetic clothing items such as microfleece, compress well and take up less space. Think of multipurpose layers. They also dry faster than cotton and wick away moisture.

- 1 Backpack big enough to carry all your personal gear (we have packs you can borrow if you do not have one)
- Notebook or Journal
- 4-5 shirts (at least one long-sleeved)
- 3-4 pairs of long pants (one pair should be quick-drying, synthetic...not cotton)
- 2-3 pairs of shorts (one should be quick-drying, synthetic)
- underwear for 2 weeks
- 1 pair of thermal underwear top and bottom (Wool or Synthetic)
- 7-8 pairs of socks (at least one warm, wool pair; Smart Wool or equivalent)
- 1 Wool/fleece hat (Most heat loss occurs from our heads!)
- 2 wool sweaters or synthetic fleece tops (Noncotton items keep us warmer and retain heat when wet)
- cloth or mesh laundry bag for dirty clothes
- rain gear: jacket and pants (avoid gear with cotton lining and **no** ponchos.)
- 2 pairs of sturdy footwear (sneakers, hiking boots; break in before arriving at camp).
- 1 pair of old sneakers or water shoes that can get wet
- personal toiletries (remember, perfumed and scented products including body sprays, attract bugs!)
- 2 bath towels
- bug repellent (non-aerosol, please) and sunscreen
- sleeping bag (with cotton or flannel sheet for hot nights)
- sleeping pad- closed cell foam (we have pads you can borrow if you do not have one)
- smaller daypack
- water bottle- 2 wide-mouthed, one-liter bottle (Please put your name on the bottle)
- flashlight or headlamp (with extra batteries)
- 2 swimsuits (camp appropriate)

- sunglasses (with straps)
- hat with visor
- NOTE:** If you plan to fish, you must have a valid Maine Fishing License (16 years and older)

Optional Items

- book to read
- stationery, stamps, pens, pencils
- spare glasses (if you wear them) with a strap
- bandana
- Camera (Extra batteries, waterproof case)
- Compass (Silva, Suunto or equivalent)
- Fishing equipment

UMaine 4-H Camp and Learning Center Safety and Respect Policies

At Bryant Pond, we are committed to providing a physically and emotionally safe learning environment where each individual is respected and valued. Bullying, fighting, aggressive behavior, or lack of respect for any leader's safety instructions and procedures **will not be tolerated**.

Personal Conduct Expectations

We **expect** campers at UMaine 4-H Camp to:

1. Accept individual differences and refrain from offensive or threatening language
2. Encourage teamwork and creative problem-solving
3. Seek help if he or she is the object of teasing or inappropriate behavior
4. Respect the property of others
5. Understand that physical contact is limited to organized activities
6. Listen to and abide by all safety instructions and activity procedures
7. Care for the Camp's property and equipment.
8. Leave weapons, knives, and other dangerous objects at home*
9. Refrain from the use of tobacco, alcohol, or controlled substances. All are prohibited at Camp.

* UMaine4HC provides and supervises the use of appropriate knives and tools for camp program activities.

Consequences: Counselors will notify a Director when a camper/student is violating safety and respect policies. We will speak with the camper and, when possible, attempt to create solutions that will lead to positive changes in behavior. If a child's actions compromise safety or the successful operation of camp programs, the camper may be asked to leave before the end of the program. We do not refund for early dismissals for behavioral reasons.

Other Policies

Telephones: Because we have a very active schedule and have many children at Camp, we have limited phone access. We do not have pay phones or separate phones for use by campers and cell phones are not permitted at camp. In general, we have found that campers adjust more successfully to life away from home if they avoid phone calls. In the event of an emergency or special situation, campers will have access to a phone.

Food: In order for us to maintain a safe and sanitary camp environment, please do not send any candy, food, or drinks to camp with your child. The presence of food in bunkhouses and tents attracts unwanted wildlife such as mice, raccoons, and skunks! In the event that something is brought to camp that should not have been, it will be removed, labeled, and returned to parents at the end of the week.

Camp Store: Please visit the camp store on Friday during pick-up for T-shirts, hats, journals, and other camp items. If you have any questions regarding these policies, please feel free to contact our Camp Directors, at 207-665-2068.