

What to Bring: Remote Based Overnight (Multi Week)

Maine Woodcraft and Bushcraft

Dear Campers,

During this 2-week program, you will be staying at a campsite in tents or a lean-to while at Camp. You will be staying at remote campsites along the trail or on a lake while on trips. Please be prepared for warm or cool weather as well as rain and wind. Sections of this program take place in remote areas with limited access, so preparation is important. Our clothing list reflects important “how to dress” knowledge. **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 the damage or theft of these items.

Necessary Items:

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

- 1 hiking backpack big enough to carry all your personal gear (we have packs you may borrow if you do not have one)
- Notebook or Journal, pens or pencils (**Campers planning to continue on to Junior Maine Guide will want to take notes for next year**)
- 3-5 shirts (at least one long-sleeved)
- 2 pairs of long pants (one pair should be quick-drying, synthetic...not cotton)
- 1-2 pairs of shorts (one should be quick-drying, synthetic)
- underwear for 1 week
- Cloth or mesh bag for dirty clothes
- 1 pair of thermal underwear top and bottom (Wool or Synthetic)
- 6-8 pairs of wool socks (Smart wool or equivalent)
- 1 Wool/fleece hat (Most heat loss occurs from our heads!)
- 1-2 wool sweaters or synthetic fleece tops
- rain gear: jacket and pants (no ponchos)
- 1 pair of hiking boots (break them in by wearing them for several weeks before camp starts)
- 1 pair of closed-toed shoes (like sneakers or running shoes)
- 1 pair of “in camp” closed-toed shoes that can get wet
- personal toiletries (remember, perfumed and scented products including body sprays, attract bugs!)
- 2 bath towels
- 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)
- 2 wide-mouthed, one-liter water bottles
- flashlight or headlamp (with extra batteries)
- swimsuit (camp appropriate)
- sunglasses (with straps)
- bug repellent (non-aerosol, please) and sunscreen
- Hat with visor

Optional Items

- book to read, stationary, stamps, pens, pencils
- Bandana

Laundry will be done on campus after the first week

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.