

What to Bring: Remote Site Overnight

Junior Maine Woodcraft and Wilderness Survival I and II

Dear Campers,

During this program, you will be staying at one of Bryant Pond's campsites in tents or a lean-to. Please be prepared for warm or cool weather as well as rain and wind. **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.*

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. Earth tone colored clothing helps keep insects away and allows you to blend into the environment more easily.

- 1 Backpack big enough to carry all your personal gear (we have packs you can borrow if you do not have one)
- 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
- 1 pair of thermal underwear top and bottom (Wool or Synthetic)
- 7-8 pairs of socks (at least one warm, wool pair)
- 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 ponchos.)
- 2 pairs of sturdy footwear (sneakers, hiking boots).
- 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) and a pillow
- sleeping pad- closed cell foam (we have pads you can borrow if you do not have one)
- smaller daypack
- water bottle- 1 wide-mouthed, one-liter bottle (Please put your name on the bottle) **(Wilderness Survival please bring 2)**
- flashlight or headlamp (with extra batteries)
- swimsuit (camp appropriate)
- sunglasses (with straps)
- hat with visor
- bandana **(Wilderness Survival)**

Optional Items

- notebook or small journal
- book to read
- stationery, stamps, pens, pencils
- water shoes or sandals (for showering or during waterfront activities)
- spare glasses (if you wear them) with a strap
- sunglasses (with strap) or hat with visor

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.