

WHAT WILL THE VOYAGER NEED FOR THE TRIP?

As you may have read, the Voyagers Canoe Trips are held in the Spring & Fall of the year for several reasons. Therefore, we do expect cool weather and occasionally some rain is possible. The best way to continue comfortably, is to pack the right gear.

Many of the items you may already have at home.

We can help outfit your Voyager:

For those items that you do not have, and before you make any purchases, we stock a great deal of loaner gear that is very functional. In cases where back packs, sleeping bags or dry bags are needed, we carry clean and functional extras that are available for loan. We also are able to provide wool sweaters, rain ponchos/coats, knit hats, canteens etcetera.

HERE IS WHAT YOU'LL NEED FOR THE CANOE TRIP:

- ✓ **Each person must be sure to carry all items on this list – no extras please:**
- ✓ **NOTE: Clothing items on list include those you are wearing. “REMEMBER” when packing, pack list items tightly to conserve space.**

1. **Back Pack / Dry Bag will work**
(NOTE: ONE BAG/PACK PER PERSON ON TRIP – plus sleeping bag)
2. **Sleeping Bag**
(Pillow Optional but should be small enough to be stowed in bag or inside rolled up sleeping bag)
3. **(3 pair) Socks (wool if possible)**
4. **(3 pair) Underwear**
5. **(2 pair) Pants (loose & comfortable)**
6. **(2 pair) Shirts (warm / flannel)**
7. **Jacket (warm)**
8. **Wool Sweater (if available) – Good for layering up...**
9. **Hat (A ‘Warm’ knit hat is essential)**
10. **Knit Hat**
11. **Pair of gloves**

13. **Pair of hiking boots (Any good boot will do – may get wet...)**
14. **Bathroom Kit – (Note: no showers or bathrooms – minor hygiene only)**
 - a. Wash cloth
 - b. Soap
 - c. Toothbrush
 - d. Tooth paste
 - e. Deodorant
 - f. Towel
15. **Rain Poncho (NON INSULATED) – Frog Toggs may be purchased in advance for \$21.00 see below**
16. **Camp Cup (choose a durable tin cup to drink from)**
17. **Good metal / plastic canteen.**
18. **Hunting Knife (If your knifeless – you're lifeless in a survival situation)**

HAVE YOUR GEAR PREPARED!

Weather is unpredictable. Having proper gear mitigates potential problems. Having the right equipment with you ensures you stay dry and comfortable.

The list of eighteen (18) items required is an essential list. Please consider it carefully.

Again, if you lack or cannot find one or more of the items, please let us know – we can assist and will be glad to help outfit you.

Remember, we wish to have a genuine great outdoor experience while working together as a team of men. We welcome any questions you may have about getting prepared and being prepared.

See More Details Below:

The Voyagers Canoe Trips want all attending to have a great adventure! Therefore, for those under the age of 18 years of age, a release waiver/medical release waiver must be signed in advance of the departure.

The waiver form can be found on our INFORMATION page of the Voyagers Canoe Trips. Just select the tab marked 'release waiver'. Print out the form, fill out and sign, and have it with you on the day of departure. Copies may also be emailed or mailed if convenient.

You may also email the release waiver, or using an app on your phone – as long as we get a signed copy by time of departure – thank you.

Questions on this? Please call us at 269-838-6410. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

DRY BAGS

Dry bags are essentially a back pack or duffle bag for your cloths and other items you wish to keep dry. The Dry bag is open at the top and after you placed your select gear inside, you roll the top closed, like a bag of chips, and bring the clamps together “snap” and there you go! A dry bag!

Dry Bags may be picked up for as little as \$5.00 and are cheap insurance.

RAIN GEAR – FROGG TOGGS

If you wish to purchase Frogg Toggs (Rain Gear) in advance or have questions pertaining to required gear, please call us at 269-838-6410. We can arrange to have Frogg Toggs for you – cost is \$21.00 per set. Be sure to state size (suits run large so L is XL). Frogg Toggs are lightweight, fairly durable and are worn over the clothes.

WOOL SWEATER –

Wool sweaters are GREAT and do not have to cost you a fortune. Many times a good “canoe trip” sweater can be found at your local second hand stores for around \$5.00 or so.

Why wool and not just a regular cotton sweater you ask?

WOOL FACTS:

Wool is one of nature’s *best insulating fibers* and has been used to make clothing for centuries. Not only is wool extremely good at holding in warmth, it also wicks moisture and dries faster than cotton. Wool, when wet, still retains heat! This means you still remain warm in spite of being wet. Cotton and nylon materials cannot provide this when wet.

The most widely available types of wool come from sheep. However, sheep aren't the only animals that produce natural, warmth-enhancing fibers. Alpaca, angora rabbits and camels also produce luxurious, wool-like fibers that are used to make high-quality knitwear and woven fabrics.

Wool is superior to other fabrics in damp cold conditions. An affordable wool sweater could be found at the local thrift store for \$5.00 or less.

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From the guides: The canoe trips are designed to provide adventure and education for all who attend. The trips are purposely scheduled to take place, for the most part, during the spring and fall, which means the chance of chilly weather, is present. For this reason, we encourage the items above to be included however, if a person does not have one or more of those items, we gladly wish to help out by loaning the necessary item for the trip – after all, we have a great deal of loaner gear to share.

Additionally, we prepare in advance. Wool blankets, extra wool socks & a sweater, just in case. It is our intent to provide a great experience but be prepared to act if and when necessary.

We look forward to sharing with you on the next trip! Thank You!