

From Callum McCance
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My Fellow Pathfinder Staff,

I'm asking you today to help Camp Pathfinder.

You love the place, the people and all that it has given you over the years. Now you have the chance to give a little back, by helping boys attend Camp whose families could never afford the cost, or are experiencing tragedy or hardships at home.

I am writing to ask you to make a donation to the Algonquin Campership Fund. This time of year the ACF is raising money from Pathfinder alumni and friends. Each summer, Campers you know and trip with are the confidential recipients of scholarships from the ACF, so they can enjoy the same experiences you and I both love.

Since its founding in 2000, ACF has raised \$300,000, given \$140,000 in scholarships, and nurtured almost \$200,000 in endowment that will continue funding needy boys' tuitions for years to come. Currently, Kathryn Babin and I are the Staff members who sit on the ACF Steering Committee.

Your modest gift really matters to ACF. Some large donors have made big gifts to the ACF because they're impressed with the amount of alumni participation. So, even a small gift from you leverages huge results! The more Pathfinder people we have donating to the Fund, the more attention we get. I can see the headlines now: "Filthy woodsmen help needy kids get the experience of a lifetime!" This attention really does attract donations from major foundations and trusts. This is also a great way for Camp to advertise to some more families.

Make sure you share this appeal with your parents and relatives so you could possibly pull together a more powerful contribution. Remind your families that 100 percent of what you give goes to the kids who need it. All gifts are tax deductible.

The kids appreciate it more than my words can describe, and I know I'm not alone in feeling on top of the world for helping these kids out. I have no doubt in my mind that everyone will join in on this because that's just who we are.

Make your check payable to: Algonquin Campership Fund, and mail all contributions to RACF, 500 East Ave., Rochester, NY 14607. Then, drop me a line to let me know you are one of this year's donors!

Can't wait to see you all this coming season. Happy Holidays!

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Callum.