

CHIPMONK CHATTER

2021

CAMP PATHFINDER



SUNDAY LETTER WRITING AT THE BELL TOWER

A collection of stories, summer updates, and camp lore.

Noonway!

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Chipmonk Chatter - From the Director

In a phrase, *Pathfinder is on for 2021!*

We'll be there for our boys, who need all the good of CPI more now than ever before.

Glenn and I – with our entire camp staff – wish all of you in the Pathfinder family good fortune, good health and good winter days, knowing the turn of a new year brings with it the excitement of a renaissance camp season ahead.

Summer is looking so good. Yes, we are all dealing with the challenges of an ongoing pandemic, of cultural upheavals churning this winter off-season. But just as Pathfinder staying closed in 2020 was best for our people, being open and thriving in 2021 is best now, for campers, for staff, for everyone at home sharing our camp's 107-year spirit.

We'll do Camp '21 safely and with smarts. Read our unfolding plans, here and on the web. Join our Zooms and reach me directly. Keep in touch so you can share the confidence in great preparations for a great year.

It will be an all hands on deck effort. And we'll do it right, because Pathfinder people work together like no one else. Because camp can surely come through this challenge, and because all Pathfinder kids need and deserve what a Pathfinder season means to them.

It means being active and outdoors. It means being reunited with friends and mentors. It means relishing the incredible beauty of our trip country setting. It means those precious feelings of screen-free independence, competence, contentment, comradeship. It means simple happiness.

It means a real, face-to-face summer of making memories that sustain us as we roll back into off-season lives, often spent looking forward to that next Pathfinder summer of memories.

How many of us know the feeling of this photograph, a misty scene at the Motorboat Dock? It's a light-poem, about arrival and departure at Pathfinder, about being together with your people, full of the promise of what's to come, or a poignant departure, already planning to return again to the special place we make together.

Chipmonk Chatter once more gathers these Pathfinder story lines, our photos, our memories, our plans and people. It previews our coming summer and remembers summers past. Enjoy!

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Greetings, & Happy Holidays From Camp Pathfinder!



This season, we were able to create and send out beautiful CPI holiday cards to all of our campers, rookies & vets! The choices were plenty, but we were able to narrow the designs down to five wonderful photos and paintings. Check out all five below.

- 1) **Creek work moose.** Photo by an unknown headman. ca. 1983, photograph, digitally painted
- 2) **Swim Dock.** Photo by Mike Sladden, alumnus. ca. 2009, photograph, digitally painted.
- 3) **Severn River.** Photo by Dan Bundgard, alumnus. 2018, photograph, digitally painted
- 4) **Along the Petawawa River.** Painting by Jeff Miller, alumnus. ca. 1988, watercolor on paper
- 5) **Canoe Dock.** Artwork by Arch Fraser, alumnus. 2017, watercolor on paper



Front Country Adventures



*Even short trips take Pathfinder Island boys right into the renowned interior of Algonquin.
How about these 2021 camper adventures in what is our 'Front Country'?*

A Walk to Old Growth of Our Own

A short paddle along the Source shoreline reveals cedar, black spruce, white pine and ancient rock shoals. It all leads into Loon Point Bay, where you can gently watch Loons keeping their nest on the tiniest island of the lake. At the nearby mainland shore, a barely visible trail where Moose browse the tree-line like gardeners. Walk into the bush here, and up Bear Mountain to find ancient pine and hardwood trees you can barely wrap arms around. These giants survived the axes, saws and fires of more than a century, creating a forest so shaded, gorgeous and complex you have to know more. We walk lightly on the land here, before making our way back to the canoes and the tailwind float home.

Trout In Our Back Yard

If you can rise before the sun, sip cocoa and munch a bagel or bowl of cereal by headlamp, you can paddle a glass calm Source to reach Ouse or Owl Lakes for a morning ambush mission for Splake or Speckled Trout. The coolest, quietest time of the day. Moose, beavers and turtles are unphased as you paddle by on the way. Pack sunscreen, ice-water and a big snack along with the tackle. Head home to in time to enjoy afternoon Optionals.

Step Into A Tom Thomson Painting

Follow the route of the camp railway west to Potter's Creek. Launch the canoes and glide through shallow curves filled with the stumps of giant white pine felled 150 years ago. Pass under a bleached wreck of a timber log road bridge and land at the grassy remnants of Mowat, the Gilmour brothers' famous company timber gambit of the 1890s. It's a perfect spot to try your hand at watercolor landscape sketching. Canada's most famous painter, Tom Thomson, lived here for seven years creating his most famous works. He died here, too, under circumstances still debated today. Search the woods behind Mowat to find the gravesite few ever see. If you're lucky the Gray Jays, spirits of those who once lived here, will come from the spruce trees to share your trail gorp and the story of Thomson's final days. You're back on the island in time for a swim, dinner, and the evening game.

*Want to know more about
our in-camp program?*

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A Spirit World Revealed in Red Ochre

Whether you bike or paddle to reach Rock Lake, downstream on the Madawaska from Source headwaters, you'll find massive sheer rock walls diving into deep Algonquin waters, a placid beach shoreline tucked in at the outlet of the river, and a cliff with a water entrance and chimney crawl up to an overlook of the huge lake. Deep in the rock are shoreside caves where the cool feels amazing on a hot summer day, and evidence hints at earlier people resting, sheltering or spirit-questing. On the cliff face at eye-level are pictographs, and high above the rock forms the furrowed brow and stately face of a bear watching the water. A paddle across Rock brings you to an abandoned summer estate, an ideal site for a cooked shore-lunch at the foot of a cliff trail leading to Booth's Rock and a limitless summit view.

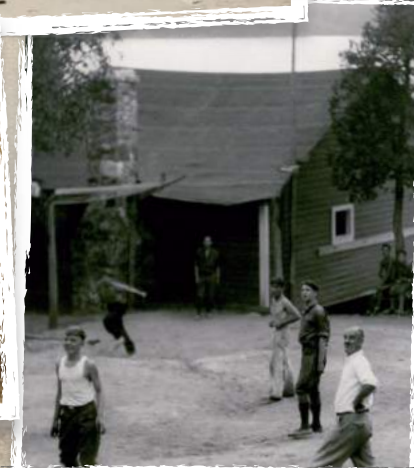
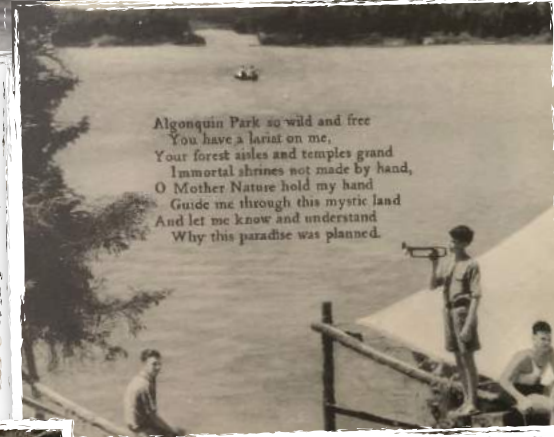
GLM Style - A Rip Round The Horn

The legendary canoe trip Mics and Chipps do in three days can be mastered in three hours by our Ottos and AAs. Fast paddling and portaging in Pathfinder canvas canoes takes you through a landscape of small lakes and trails of the Madawaska headwaters country, where first peoples lived undisturbed for millennia until Algonquin's earliest white explorers crept this way into an unknown wilderness. Soon, it would become a route for loggers, railway men, road surveyors, and elegant city tourists. Trip tough in the final leg, up and over Found Lake portage and down the Camp Road. Dive into Source at the Car Dock, sprint home for a soap-bath and kick back in the Upper Kingdom before supper.

Bike-Paddle-Hike the SkyMount

Paddle through Tanamakoon into Cache, follow the bays to the Madawaska River outlet and dam, leave the boats and walk up into the forest past tumbling creeks and mossy cliff-faces. Through a high draw between hills and up a long flight of primitive trail steps is the route to a cliff-top panorama of south-west Algonquin, with Bear Mountain on Source Lake the furthest peak in view. Lunch and a rest up here is full luxury, followed by a down-hike along a new route to the lower Madawaska stretch. Here, Pathfinder trail bikes are lined up in the deep woods, waiting riders to cruise them along the abandoned rail bed to Mew Lake airfield, and a shuttle back to Source for a free swim.

Pathfinder Nostalgia...



4th Row: The O.A.P.S. Railroad became the Grand Trunk RR during the earliest years. Here a Pathfinder canoe trip loads up for a shuttle 'truck' to another Park region. Note the Pullman Car Porter in uniform, the elite of railroad travel in those days, and the first black American trade union.

• The chimney is original. Earliest building where Dining Hall stands today. The Ballfield later became Stalker Park due to erosion. Game umpire is owner Herman 'Chief' Norton (right), watching a long ball.

1st Row: I wonder where the packed bags and trophy/pennant picture is taken? Not on the island. Rail stop? A staff man headed home? • Boxing was a staple in-camp activity from the start. Outdoor matches with ring ropes. • Boys on greased pole, this is likely at the Cache Lake Regatta, but this was a Pathfinder swim meet item as well. Not sure what the actual task is. Obviously a crowd-pleaser.

2nd Row: A trip is at a rail stop, modeling their portage loads. Note the woolen clothing, knee-length pants with high socks, and duffel bags for camper rolls / tents, complete with longer tumplines. Bigger lads could carry 2-3 of these at once. • Staff man demonstrating the ideal 'pitch and ditch' campsite set up with canoe placed close at hand, and the hand-cut tent poles and stakes. Your boot heel was stomped around the tent to create a small ditch to carry rain away. • Bugling on a stump; includes poem written by then-Park Superintendent Mr. Millar.

3rd Row: Older campers watching a senior staff hack a pine limb into camp fire lengths for splitting. Mr. Norton is present but distracted by duties. Bold move, chopping in your Hush Puppies, right? • Walloping 'practice' drills. • Inside of a canvas tent on Cree Row - looks familiar, eh?

FAQ

Jan. 2021

Happy New Year, Everyone!

How we all have longed to have our Pathfinder days once again. Good news - Camp is on for Summer 2021!

Before we know it, Campers will be running around the Island, the swim dock and towers will be rockin', canoes and kayaks will fill Source Lake, bikers and hikers will be venturing out to explore, and canoe trips will once again be paddling out to live in the beautiful backcountry.

What will the camp look like next summer? Many important factors remain uncertain at this writing, but some facets are safe to predict. We'll keep you in touch with the latest developments all through this coming winter and spring. Meanwhile, what basics are in store?...

Is Pathfinder definitely operating for Summer 2021?

Emphatically Yes! All residential camps in Ontario are currently busy making their preparations. Enrollment at Pathfinder is quite strong already, with over 150 Early Birds and many new sign ups.

The Ontario Premiere's office ordered residential camps closed in May 2020, so it's a major development that government is preparing to reverse this closure order during the winter, rather than delaying the decision until spring.

The Ontario Camps Association (OCA) is the accrediting body for residential camps. The OCA's COVID Task Force is busy writing professional guidance for 2021 camp programs, similar to the extensive planning going on at our kids' schools. Another plus is that a special team from SickKids Hospital in Toronto is advising the OCA camps guidance, and Ontario Health is welcoming the collaboration. They are determined to help camps open safely for this summer.

Will the US – Canada border be open this summer?

We're very optimistic that the border will begin to open in spring. In fact, vacation home owners and summer campers and staff may be among the first groups to be given opportunity to enter Canada and head north. Pathfinder is right on the front lines of working with Immigration to gain the necessary approvals this winter.

Will Pathfinder sessions be the same as ever?

For now, the short answer is yes. We are enrolling all sessions, including our One-Weeker Mic Mac and Two-Weeker sessions. We'll keep up to date on any Ontario measures which might ask camps to limit their mid-session new arrivals.

What will camper age groups & staff ranks be?

If you were a Mic Mac, Chippewa, Cree or Ottawa camper in 2019, you will advance to the group you would normally have reached in 2021. So, if you were age 10 for Summer 2020 you'll be a Cree this coming summer, and so on. We'll adjust the tripping so it's easy for campers to catch up the lost season.

If you were signed up to be a One-Weeker Mic-Chipp or Two-Weeker Cree in Summer 2020, you can make that choice again in 2021 even if you would be advancing to an older age group.

Any AA campers for 2020 will be AAs in 2021. They'll get their long trips, and so will boys who become age 15 for Summer 2021. Both ages will be having their career pinnacle AA adventures. These groups are now fully enrolled. Exciting expeditions ahead!

The CIT class of Summer 2020 will be CITs during Summer 2021. They'll get their certifications and training trips as normal in July. This means that CITs next summer will be age 17, and they will quickly join the age-18 guys as functioning Second Men. Staff hired to be Second Men or Headmen in 2020 will advance in rank normally for 2021. For example, 2020 guys who would have been veteran Second Men will be Headmen next summer. The camp's directors will design the staff program to allow everyone to get the training and experience they missed in 2020, even as their camp rank advances normally.

How will everyone prepare to come to Pathfinder?

Pathfinder staff and campers will be well prepared for their camp time. All the current vaccination efforts will be helpful, but a vaccine will not be required for Pathfinder campers and staff to forge ahead this coming summer.

Here's what we know as of now. We'll likely use a combination of prescreening, brief home quarantine and a negative test to help get everyone safely up to camp. Our motor coaches and airline pick up services will still be available, with some new measures.

Once at camp, campers and staff will join in cohorts and masking. Cohorts will be groups of campers and staff in a 1:2 ratio. The cohorts will be living and playing in smaller, distanced groups, to help get our sessions going in good health. Within a cohort, everyone can live and play without masking and other measures. When cohorts interact, the masks and practices will be used.

During this period of cohorts, camp life will otherwise go on as normal, with the in-camp program as usual and many day trips and short canoe trips. We'll have enhanced health services, so that there is nursing staff and special areas of camp just for folks whose symptoms must be cleared as non-Covid, while everyday bumps, bruises and medications care are handled as usual by the nursing staff in the camp Infirmary.

Sleepage and dining may be spread out, with some al-fresco meals in the rotation, and with smaller dining groups using the DH, perhaps in two seatings per meal. The famous homemade fare at Pathfinder will be as great as ever.

What happens if everyone is healthy and well after the observation period?

As further testing and observation show our camp health, it will become possible to consider the bubbled camp community 'clean,' so that the larger community can enjoy daily fun and canoe trips, getting back to familiar routines. A lively program of in-camp sport, activities, and signature surprises will combine with trip training and adventures in the Park and beyond. To achieve this well-deserved and much-needed sense of Pathfinder normal, Camp will control total enrollment size, close access to visitors, and forego staff travel away from the Park. Our island home will be our safe haven, the back country our playground.

CONTACT US

*Have a question?
Send us an email.*

Update Your Packing List

Packing List - The Basics

- play clothes
- banquet clothes
- 3 washable masks
- sleeping bag
- dry bag
- rain jacket
- warm jacket
- smart-wool socks
- swim trunks
- sheets, blanket, pillow
- towel
- headlamp
- trip boots
- closed-toe sandals/sneaks
- water bottle
- hat
- wash kit
- laundry bag



Packing List

Luggage - 1 trunk/ "footlocker" (approx. 13" x 18" x 32")
1 large duffel (2 if no trunk), 1 daypack/backpack recommended

Label
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Plan Ahead
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Test
Purchases



Key Gear Offered at Cost

Camp offers high quality items at cost, as a courtesy to families. Advance order. Anything purchased beforehand will be given to your camper when they arrive at camp. *Sleeping bags, dry bags, PFDs, paddles & sweatshirts and more!* Check out our **Gear Form** below to see what we offer for purchase.

At **Candy Store**, run during each camp session, your camper can purchase more than just a sweet treat. *We have ball-caps, sweatshirts, buffs, dry-bags, water bottles, postcards & more.*

[Gear Form](#)

Canoe Tripping - Gear Essentials

Pathfinder gear does not need to be expensive! But some quality gear is required...

This goes for campers of ALL AGES. The best daily clothes can get sweaty, muddy, wet, and dry. We recommend investing in rain jackets, trail boots, life vest, fleece jacket/puff, wool socks and headlamps.

Long Trips - There are some *specific & required* gear for Ott & AA 18-40 day trips. This ensures your camper is safe & warm for his long canoe trip experience.

[Big Trip Items](#)

[Gear Details](#)



Pack for Health & Safety

Send your camper with the essentials for this special summer.

As usual:

Bathing kit with toiletries, biodegradable soaps, wash cloth or scrubby.

Plus:

pocket hand sanitizer, small travel pack sanitizing wipes, 3 washable face masks each in ziplock bags.

[Learn More](#)

CPI STAFF ROSTER '21

See who is on board so far...

Senior Staff

Glenn Arthurs Buffalo, NY Owner	Aaron Orkin, MD Toronto, ON Medical Director
Mike Sladden Rochester, NY Owner – Director	Julia Orkin, MD Toronto, ON Medical Director
Mary Chestnut Buffalo, NY Assistant Director	Chantal St. Jules, RN Oshawa, ON Nurse Manager
Paige Clark Rochester, NY Program Director	David Statten Bancroft, ON Canoe Maker
Riley Hanson Toronto, ON Director of Tripping	Gonzalo Parada Pantoja Queretaro, MX Camp Chef
Addison Egan Bozeman, MT CIT Director	Omar Carrillo Terrazas Queretaro, MX Camp Cook
Rupert French Toronto, ON CIT Director	Shelly Li, RN Toronto, ON Camp Nurse
Savannah French Toronto, ON In-Camp Program	Alex Oliver, RN Toronto, ON Camp Nurse
Jim "Tiger" Lion Buffalo, NY Alumnus in Residence	Sarah Twomey, RN Kitchener, ON Camp Nurse
Jamey Bumbalo Walhalla, ND Alumnus in Residence	Nell Bruckner Cleveland, OH Waterfront Staff
Jim & Sue Coakley Grantham, NH Alumni in Residence	Esther Haines, RN Camp Nurse Waterfront Staff
Josh Anderson Wenham, MA Alumnus in Residence	Taylor McLean, RN Toronto, ON Camp Nurse / Waterfront Staff
Corot Reason Toronto, ON Alumnus in Residence	Madison Beatty Toronto, ON Student Nurse / Waterfront Staff
Pete Johnson Buffalo, NY Alumnus in Residence	Virginia Boyer Louisville, KY Waterfront Staff

Senior Headmen

Dylan Moeser,
Director of Canoeing
Buffalo, NY

Jack Sladden
Director of Canoeing
Rochester, NY

Peter Koch
San Francisco, CA

Simon McNamee
Ottawa, ON

Chris O'Brien
Cleveland, OH

Veteran Headmen

Sam Hamlett
Buffalo, NY

Alex Ireland
Madrid, Spain

Andrew Beecher
Buffalo, NY

2021 Rising Headmen

Simon Jeens
Toronto, ON

Aidan McPhail
Gatineau, QC

Ben Zief
Princeton, NJ

Henry Clark
Fall City, WA

Ian Zohn
Warren, NJ

2021 Rookie Headmen

Evan Popat
Buffalo, NY

Aidan Walters
Caledon, ON

Gabriel Myrick
El Cerrito, CA

Tate Pierson
Pittsford, NY

CJ Lenahan
Buffalo, NY

Bjorn Nordenflycht
East Aurora, NY

Noah Linfoot
Savannah, GA

Simon Cousineau
Burlingame, CA

2021 Second Men

Peter Fabens
Brooklyn, NY

James Herron
Etobicoke, ON

Henry Houston
New York, NY

Benji Pfafsky
Toronto, ON

Jeremy Jeens
Toronto, ON

Jacob Seifred
Toronto, ON

Gabe Levy
Toronto, ON

Sam Gilbert
Rochester, NY

Jamie Sills
Toronto, ON

Augustin Caby
Paris, France

Declan Eady
Toronto, ON

James Fair
Toronto, ON

Dan Bundgard
London, ON

Graham Hall-Keough
Brooklyn, NY

Luke Bodo
New York, NY

CIT Class 2021

Ian Brown
Orangeville, ON

Peter Brownrigg
Burlingame, CA

Max Crocker
Gloucester, MA

Aaron Curtin
Alfred, NY

Gideon Dent
Santa Fe, NM

Sam Drum
Annapolis, MD

Mac Fabens
Brooklyn, NY

Ethan Ford
Boston, MA /

Ander Gustafson
Washington, DC

Dillon Harkness
Albany, CA /

Corbin Jones
Brooklyn, NY

Linden Knup
Binghampton, NY

Wilson Langkamp
Washington, DC

Jake Martin
New York, NY

Sam McKenney
Tampa, FL

Silas Witmore
Washington, DC

Sean Woodbury
Toronto, ON

Sam Zions
Buffalo, NY



CAMPER ROSTER '21

See who is on board so far...

FULL SEASON

Crosby Coyne
Ben Rooney
Teddy Davey
Peyton Dahmen
Jean-Luc Gannon
Jake McKenney
Kieran Downs
Elijah Levy
Ryan Taylor
Lleyton Rossi
Cooper Boulay
Emmett Boulay
Jack Gilbert
Sam Mendola
Henry Shin
Shane Whiteside
Rowan Maitland
Jack Romanowski
Will Dahmen
Nate Brown
Jack Kreuzer
Alex Beecher
Asher Milberg
Ben Tunkey
Alastair Daniel
Wes Price
Henry Zief
Sam McKenney
Ethan Ford
Max Crocker
Jacob Martin
Aaron Curtin
Dillon Harkness
Ian Brown
Ander Gustafson
Corbin Jones
Sean Woodbury
Wilson Langkamp
Sam Zions
Silas Witmore
Linden Knup
Mac Fabens
Gideon Dent
Peter Brownrigg
Sam Drum

A SESSION ONE-WEEKERS

Bobby Pratt
Jacob Boucher
Jacob Glick
Oskar Barkman
Cassian Collins
Chris Pratt
Luke Collins

A SESSION

Milo Newby
Joseph Caby
Charlier Copans
Fritz Tormann
Hayden Sullivan
Theron VanZandt
Will Hanlon
John Thompson
Spencer Lenahan
Corwen Blair
Mohammad Darwish
Maxine Page LeBlanc
Pat Collins

B SESSION

Quinn Barber
Jacob Cutts
Leif wile
Eamon Pratt
Drew Kovacs
Tadhg Duopagne
Niam Bratch
Logan. Cutts
Max Bratch-Dohle

A/B SESSION

Simon Adler
Own Stoddard
Ty Wells
Brennan Gallagher
Will Clements
Holden Bua-Carroll
Gabriel Workman
Alex Bundgard
Thomas Moldenhauer
Beckett Rourke
Ahmad Khalaf
Ross Hochberg
Zach Klopfer
Quinn Timmins
Cormac Sweeney
Andy Chernack
Nate Mastroianni
Max Guo
Reid Barberot
Hamish Eady
Brian Holloway
Gavin Ruggirello
Matthew Knox
Weston Moldenhauer
Ethan Hutchinson
Andrew Clements
Mason Howell
Quentin Balboni

C SESSION ONE-WEEKERS

William Thompson
Teddy McSweeney
Daniel Filson
Ryan Cullen
Andrew Westwood
Josh Laginski

C SESSION

Asher Dryden
Ryan Brennan
Max Ludlow
Bradly Burdzy
Ryan Levy
Samer Wehbe
Griffin Derrick
John Bonk
Howard Cuozzi
Dylan Scott
Donovan Brackley
Gracen Abrams
Emilio Camargo
Will Genau

D SESSION

Jackson Brown
Cameron Brown
Mac Young-Martin
Zach Thompson
Jensen Busch
Sawyer Li
Malcolm Seifred
Garrett Mansouri
Victor Cormier
John Morning
Silas Ott
John David Head
Fraser Stiles
Grady Hurley
Sam Hurley
Paul Rubino
Stephan Fattey
Rainer Aufrecht
Kenyon Anderson
Pat McSweeney
Anderson Lewis
Nicky Johnson
Emmanuel Ogunleye
Lucas Li

C/D SESSION

Davis Wiser
Max Spratt
Dylan Levy
Owen Laginski
Alistair Mackay-White
Skylar Mecray
Jory Guptill
Brendan Williams
Jasper Clayton
Hunter Mecray
Ian Braukmann
Nathan Laginski
Cole Huey
Gus Shapiro
Connor Mitchell
Henry Spratt
Judson McCann
Charlier Cole
Myles Whitefield-Scott
Matthew Michaels
Steven Pinneo
Liam Oakley
Felix Shapiro
Owen Sade
Josh Guptill
Owen Brackley
Charlie Rands
George Black
Graham Abrams
Hannes Aubrecht
Carter Previte
Gabe Leonesio
Abe Badji
Jack Cutler
Will Harriman
Ted Hubbard
Kai Faller
Michael LaCivita
Sean Mahoney
Pat Cotter

Pathfinder & Indigenous Algonquin

There is a lot more to the story...

A warm summer afternoon of Optionals. Christine sharing artifacts of ancient Algonquin life in our woods. Having Christine as our indigenous educator creates such an enriching experience for all our boys. With her partnership, we've created camp's land acknowledgement with staff, sponsored a portion of the annual Whitefish Lake 'Gathering of Our People' and created two scholarships for Algonquin boys to attend Pathfinder. Christine also makes visits to lead staff training and share council fire/trip report events.

From Christine...

For many, our love for Algonquin Park stems from the time that we've spent on trip, traversing portages, paddling lakes and rivers, and enjoying our time on campsites along the way. If you take a moment to think of your favourite campsite, what does it look like? Does it have a sandy shoreline to land your canoe, speckled with trees that offer shelter, and maybe a great view of the sunset? Wherever your favourite campsite might be, there is a good chance that it is a place where people have lived for thousands of years – long before Algonquin Park existed.

No matter where you go on Turtle Island (North America), including Algonquin Park, the land has been home to people for millennia. Indigenous people like me continue to love and care for this land in the steps of our Ancestors.

Any time that you're spending time outdoors, including the next time that you're on your favourite Algonquin Park campsite, I encourage you to take a moment to think a little deeper about the history of the place that you are in. *Whose territory am I on? How do they continue to engage with this land? How am I able to care for this place?*

As an Omamiwinini Anishinaabekwe (Algonquin woman), and the Indigenous educator for Camp Pathfinder, I look forward to sharing with you and your families the long history of this land and the Algonquin people, our relationship with the land, and the responsibilities that we all hold in taking care of this place we love so much.

There is so much more to share with you about Algonquin Park's history. I hope that Summer 2021 will bring the opportunity to share some of these stories with you and your family. Until then, I am sending each of your families love and light!

Christine Lucasavitch, Waaseyaa Consulting
January 2021

Christine is Pathfinder's Indigenous educator. She workshops with our campers and staff each season. Her upcoming history text on Algonquin lives in the Madawaska River region of the Park is sponsored by Pathfinder and the other children's camps, partnered with the Friends of Algonquin.



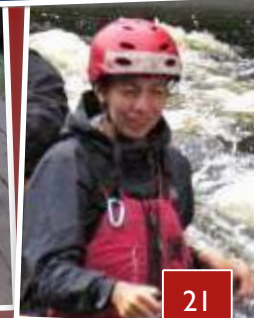
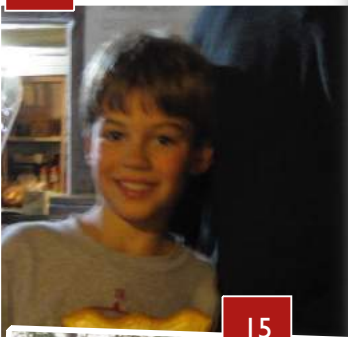
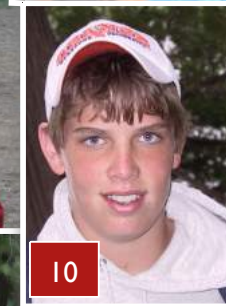
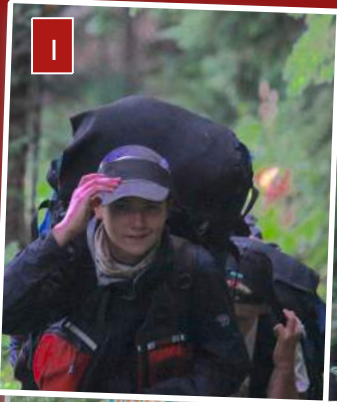
Chert, quartz and bone fragments found at a popular campsite in the Madawaska River watershed. These materials are leftovers from making stone tools and cooking. Photo copyright of Christine Lucasavitch.

What's In A Name?

Gone from Canadian woods camps are the remnants of Indian appropriation, such as drumming, dancing or regalia. Same at Pathfinder. But important traditions of respect remain. One is our age group names. They are some storied Canadian indigenous cultures, including Mi'kmaq (Mic Mac), Chippewa, Cree, and Ottawa. [Click to read more about us!](#)

Our Stellar Staff

Back when they were campers!



1. Andrew Beecher 2. Tate Pierson 3. Julian Baker, George Berking, Joe Egan, Addison Egan, Rupert French, Mattias Blum, Owen C., Will Aubrecht, Andrew Beecher 4. Mac Fabens and James Heron 5. Etienne Demers, Jason Steineger, Jasper Bingham, Robbie Foley, Simon McNamee, Tareq Sajhie, Alberto Gonzolas, Finn Clark 6. Addison Egan 7. Riley Hanson 8. Simon McNamne 9. Henry Clark 10. Griff Menzies 11. JP Carey 12. Max Saperston, Kieran Walters 13. Dylan Moeser 14. Cameron Brady, Coulter Deacon, Dylan Moser, Peter Koch, Finn Clark, Mike Patterson, Tareq Sajhie, Jasper Bingham 15. Aidan McPhail 16. Gabe Myrick 17. Dylan Moeser, George Berking & Peter Koch 18. Emmett Peterson and Barrett Peterson 19. Riley Hanson, Ben Clement, Bailey Mahoney 20. Jack Sladden & Nemo 21. Matt Wesorick 22. Rupert French

Celebrate the New Year by Giving

Pathfinder Gear Drive

Help us outfit CPI scholarship campers & school students who are unable to afford essential trip gear.

Sunday, January 17, 2021

Drop-off locations in Rochester, Buffalo & Toronto



What Can I Donate?

- Hiking Boots
- Rain Gear & Warm Coats
- Base, Mid & Shell Layers
- Warm Hats & Gloves
- Canoe Paddles
- 3-Season Sleeping Bags
- PFDs
- Dry Bags, any size
- Thermarests
- Headlamps
- Wool Socks
- Books

*Please sanitize all items before donating.
Gently Used Only -
No broken/damaged/soiled gear -thank you!*

When & How Do I Donate?

Drop-off locations are in Rochester, Buffalo, and Toronto. Drop-offs are being run by CPI staff and families, so say hello if you have a chance! Also, please be sure to wear a mask, and arrive during the drop-off time period. We won't be posting personal addresses, but you can find out your city's drop-off location and contact info by emailing our Director Mike Sladden.

[Contact Us!](#)

Buffalo, NY ... 11-3
Rochester, NY ... 12-4
Toronto, ON ... 1-5

Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

Here at Pathfinder, we know a good canoe trip is that much better when you have the right gear. There are a lot of us out there with some great gear piling up in the closet or garage. Providing help to campers who don't have this gear can make all the difference between a good summer and a great one.

Your generous gift to Gear Drive helps ensure a comfortable, safe canoe trip for all campers, no matter their financial means. Algonquin Campership Fund Scholarship campers & school students will receive needed gear on arrival at camp.

Thank you for providing gear to campers in need!!

[Learn More About our Gear Drive](#)

LEARN MORE



DONATE

Algonquin Campership Fund

Providing campership to children in need, allowing them to attend camp in Algonquin Park, ON



Making a donation to the Algonquin Campership Fund is quick and easy, tax-deductible, and 100% of your gift is devoted to camper awards!

Our Mission

- Provide camperships to children in need, allowing them to attend a canoe tripping camp in Algonquin Park.
 - Scholarship criteria includes financial need and extraordinary circumstances in a camper's life.
 - Emphasis on children in western New York (children may reside anywhere in the US)
 - Awards may cover up to 100% of camp costs for a qualifying family.

Campers as individuals and in selected school groups can benefit from ACF support to attend Northway and Pathfinder. In our 2019 season, 2 girls and 6 boys attended Northway and Pathfinder as ACF campership awardees.

ACF has also developed highly successful outdoor education partnerships with three WNY schools in low-income urban centers: Wilson High School and World of Inquiry in Rochester; and City Honors HS in Buffalo. In 2018-2019, these Rochester and Buffalo schools sent 400 students to Pathfinder scholastic programs with help from ACF awards. Several notable alumni of these school partnerships have gone on to work on the Pathfinder guide staff.

"Thank you for giving me the opportunity of a lifetime that I will never forget. It was the best summer I could have possibly had with the best group of guys...a life-lasting memory for me, and for the friendships I have made."

TRIP POSTINGS 2019

A look back at a canoe trip for each age group,
Mic & Chipp, Cree, Ottawa and AA.



Training 101

Thu. 8/1 – Fri. 8/2 – 10 Men – 2 Days

Route - Source, Bruce, Raven; Bruce, Source in PM

Campers - Will Hadala, Dylan Levy, Skylar Mecray, Jackson Scott, Zach Thompson, Davis Wiser

Staff - Peter Koch sprints the portage while Bjorn Nordenflycht, Ben Kelly, & Peter Fabens walk

Canoes: #17 Norm & Margaret Roggow, #30 Lance Kennedy, #29 unnamed, Kevlar

Around the Horn: Extended and Uncut

Sun. 7/14 – Sat. 7/20 – 9 Men – 7 Days

Route - Source, Ouse, Smoke, Ragged; Big Porcupine Bonnechere; Cradle, Plough, Little Mohawk, Mohawk, Kingfisher, South Canisbay, Delano, Hilliard; Cache, Canisbay, Polly, Linda; Iris, Alder, Birdie, Burnt Island; Baby Joe, Little Joe, Joe; Canoe, Smoke, Ouse, Source in PM

Campers - Holden Bua-Carroll, Beckett Rourke, Liam Tripp, Nikita Terziev

Staff - Sam Hamlett gets the star role with Noah Linfoot, Augustin Caby, Ben Miller-Wilson and Jamie Sills running the outtakes

Canoes: #27 The Founders, #16 Unnamed, #48 The Eustis

Algonquin Exploration

Wed. 7/10 – Sun. 7/21 – 9 men – 12 Days

Route - Truck to Magnetewan, Hambone, Ralph Bice; David, Mubwayaka, Spit pond, Pugawagun, Pezheki, Iagoo, Papukeewis, Mama, Tim; Chibiabos, Indian Pipe, West Koko Pond, Big Bob; Nipissing River Chibiabos Creek; Nipissing River Highview Cabin; Nipissing River High Falls; Cedar; Petawawa River, Radiant, Petawawa River, Francis; Kildeer, Petawawa River, Eustache; Petawawa River, Travers, Petawawa River (Natch); Petawawa River, Whitson, Smith, McManus, Pick Up at 12 PM, Source in PM

Campers - Alex Barber, Emmett Boulay, Cooper Boulay, Mason Howell, Jake McKenney, Shane Whiteside

Staff - Andrew Beecher blazes the trail while Bjorn Nordenflycht and Ben Kelly put out the fire

Canoes: #4 Fred Lamke, #30 Lance Kennedy, #28 Unnamed

Rivière à L'Eau Claire – Richmond Gulf

Sat. 7/6 – Tue. 8/13 – 9 Men – 39 Days

Route - Truck to Lac des Oeufs, Lac des Oeufs, Rivière Kanaaupscow, Lac Roz, Rivière Kanaaupscow, Lac Nutamawanis, Lac Bienville, Lac Goselier, Lac Rellot, Lac Saindon, La Petit Rivière de la Baleine, Lac Quereur, La Petit Rivière de la Baleine, Lac à L'Eau Claire, Rivière à L'Eau Claire, Richmond Gulf, Hudson Bay, Kuujuarapik, Flight to Montreal, Truck to Source early AM

Campers - Sam Drum, Ethan Ford, Corbin Jones, Wilson Langkamp, Silas Witmore, Sam Zionts

Staff - Sam Egan & Rupert French have their chance at redemption while Hugh Rubery lends a helping hand

Canoes: Swift Expedition, Swift Expedition, Swift Expedition

See You This Summer!

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