

Chipmonk Chatter Camp Pathfinder

New Year, 2023



Solo Paddlers, August 17, 2022 - Headmen Andrew Beecher and Benji Piafsky led an all morning solo paddling lesson during 'Last Chance for AAs' ('Achievement Award') with four Bear campers the day after they returned from amazing 11-day canoe trips to Killarney or Temagami.

"Solo paddling is where a lot of our strides were made this summer. A handful of campers began their session as novice paddlers and ended the summer solo canoe artists.."

- Aidan Walters, Headman, Director of Canoeing 2022

Enjoy a collection of 2022 summer updates, photos and camp history as we enter our 110th Pathfinder season.

Noonway!

Created by Paige Clark, Program Director

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Director's Message

Mike Sladden, Camp Director & Co-Owner, 23rd Year

Ki-Yi Everyone and Happy New Year!

How about a bit of state of the union messaging? In a phrase, Pathfinder has emerged from pandemic years intact and thriving. Something we can all be relieved and grateful for. Something we can all be collectively proud of. If you're reading Chipmonk Chatter, then you're a camper, parent, staff member, staff parent, alumnus or friend of Pathfinder. That is, you're part of a global Pathfinder family, and you did your part throughout Covid.



If you have a chair handy, get up on it! Bravo Bravissimo! An extra Bravo! for this summer's campers. We staff simply couldn't be more proud of you.

So, CPI faced years of challenge, stayed the course, and regained a good place. But what about our priceless, unique culture? Our 'Pathfinder Difference?' Did it survive this global crisis?



Well, historically the Camp Directors naturally tune to the little bits of daily life that become metaphors for Pathfinder. Here's one.

I just can't get enough of a new, goofy yet sublime camp game, 'Can-U-Walk,' a break from Canoe Dock paddling work. Upturned plastic trip canoes float, extended like sausage links curving out into Source Lake. Swimming players flank these canoes to keep them aligned, as each one takes turns running off the dock across them, as far out the string as possible, somewhere crashing into Source. ([view video here](#))

Metaphor and then some.

It's the imagination and fun-loving brain rot of a homegrown staff.

It's expertise at teaching canoeing while making the Dock 'the place to be'.

It's making a bright day of any weather.

It's the culture of kids aspiring to Waterman, at ease with every bit of wilderness water life – the lifetime gift.

It's some alchemy of tongue in cheek athleticism, practice, and crazy play spirit in a great Outdoors.

It's all ages getting nutso together yet building real teamwork, being social face-to-face.

It's the lifelong value of satisfaction in a group goal you could never manage alone.

It's the unexpected or younger campers who often shine.

It's the collective Pathfinder experience of a century, a sentimental action poem on growing up off-grid, surrounded by friends, just seriously happy.

Not too serious, of course. But there's the Pathfinder thing: we're an outfit in the serious business of serious fun, all while not getting too serious.

Director's Message Cont.

We see this in the hysterical Dining Hall trip announcements, the campers' ball game placards, the signature attire of full-camp Turbo, the booming Taylor Swift numbers at Awards Banquet, the quiet laughs in a tooth-brushing trip pontoon, the chatter of campers at Rest Hour, planning the next trip. Serious good stuff is happening during these moments, wrapped up so nicely in not so serious good humor.



Staff set this pace. Most of them grow up here, paying it forward year after decade after generation. They take up their turn, to craft recipes for seasoning the capable, self-confident tripper, the achievement seeker, the true friend, the star-gazer, the confident speaker, the good- choices partner, the courageous caretaker, the stoic optimist ... the upside-down canoe runner.

This year's Timo Krapf [poster photo](#) shows this crew racing their '22 Joe Lightning. The name itself – from a years-ago slowest dog at camp – reveals our 'not too serious' vibe, while we're busy handling the serious work of helping the boys take big steps forward. In the foreground, strong veterans, flying. Just seconds behind them, young staff who were phenomenal on the trail, rising through all their Covid disappointments and obstacles to find their signature stride.

Campers, our future leaders, match this pace. This summer saw a close ratio of rookies to veterans, a record breaking number of young boys, an exciting new LIT program, a first time 50-50 split of Canadians-Americans. In all their frolic were serious wins: stretching, growing, risking, connecting, caring ... with and for their friends.

DOT **Chris O'Brien** had a hard-working summer giving these boys their trip program. He is so impressed with their "desire to push themselves, expand their horizons, disembark from their comfort zones, and do it all in the company of new and lifelong companions. Through curveballs and hardship on the trail, they all returned to the Island asking, 'What's next?'"

Assistant Director **Jack Sladden** watched over the camper age groups and their leaders. On the island all his life, he saw a wonderful energy around the lodges and tent lines. Kids were feeling great about getting back into routines and traditions, about being truly active again, about unplugging at last, about seeing each other once more. This contentment included challenges, too. But it mostly played out in happiness and optimism, relishing the funny quirks of Pathfinder.

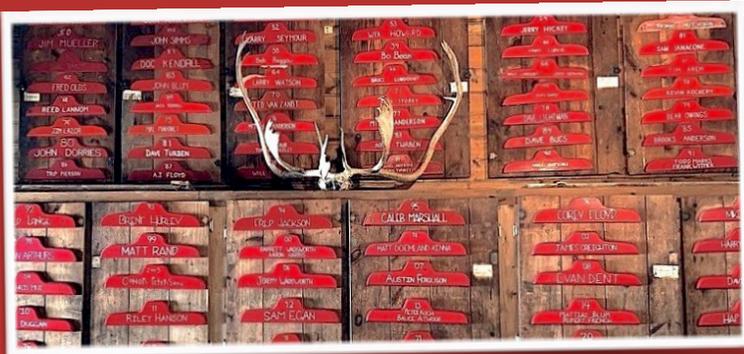
The Pathfinder Difference, turns out, is no different. If you like this kind of serious good stuff with all the not-too-serious wrap, get set for Pathfinder's 110th Summer.

Enjoy the Chatter. [Sign Up!](#) Let's Go! Seriously.



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109th Season Awards



The Pathfinder Award

Awarded annually since 1944 to the camper who most embodies the 'Pathfinder spirit'. Represented by a 'coat hanger' plaque, symbolizing they will always be welcome to hang your coat here at Pathfinder. Voted by the senior campers.

2022 Award Winner: Felix Shapiro

2021 Winner:s Alex Beecher & Sam Mendola



The Tripping Award

Awarded annually since 1944 to the camper with elite canoe tripping skills. Represented by a paddle, symbolizing the strength and skill of this canoe tripper, both on and off the water. Voted by peers and the Headmen. Per tradition, this year's Tripping & Pathfinder Award winners hammered in their awards before being carried off and thrown into Source by their fellow trippers.

2022 Award Winners: Felix Shapiro and Owen Brackley

2021 Winners: Henry Zief & Ben Rooney



Water Walker

New in 2021, awarded to a paddler of top skill and dedication to the canoe, who has completed the highest level canoeing AA. Represented by a Pathfinder canoe canvas swoosh. The Water Walker must dedicate programmed and personal time to requirements including memorizing our canoe fleet, the history of the canoe, solo paddling, and a full day's solo paddle around the Source Lake shoreline.

2022 Award Winner: Jory Guptill

2021 Winner: Sam Mendola

Most Improved

Awarded each half to a camper in each age group who improved significantly both in camp and on trip during their camp session (voted by their peers)

1st Half

Loons: Chase Smith
Ravens: Samer Wehbe
Bears: Jackson Ewing & Reino Becker
AAs: Paiman Sadat

2nd Half

Loons: Ray deLaplante
Ravens: Brendan Williams
Bears: Jiamu Shangguan
AAs: Taz Dawson

Best Camper

Awarded each half to a camper in each age group who was seen as the best in their group during their camp session (voted by their peers)

1st Half

Loons: George Walcott
Ravens: Matt Walpole
Bears: Hamish Eady
AAs: Graham Abrams

2nd Half

Loons: Mac Young Martin
Ravens: Jory Guptill
Bears: Brennan Gallagher & Pat McSweeney
AAs: Liam Oakley





From The Canoe Dock

Aidan Walters, Co- Director of Canoeing

2022 DOCs : Headmen Ben Zief & Aidan Walters



The Canoe Dock is the first thing you see as you round the point and head toward Pathfinder Island. In a lot of ways, it's emblematic of the Pathfinder experience - it's all about those on-water skills. Our role at the Canoe Dock at camp is to prepare the campers for trip, and to hone both their comfort in a boat and their understanding of how it moves. This past summer we spent time in, on, and underneath canoes, focusing on a wide variety of



paddling activities. We learned how to take care of our fleet but prioritized learning hands-on in the boats. When a new camper shows up to the Canoe Dock, we pair them with another more experienced camper, and they begin to develop their skills through collaboration, communication, and task-based learning. They learn to paddle straight-line across the lake, how to maneuver the canoe through a tight figure-eight course, and all the relevant safety protocols like rescuing boats with a partner. When the new camper becomes a competent bow paddler and partner in the tandem canoe, he becomes the teacher and mentor to another as they learn how to paddle in the stern of the boat. **It takes a few days, but the goal of these first two levels of canoeing is to become an effective canoe tripper and build the basics for the art of solo paddling.**

Solo paddling is where a lot of our strides were made this summer. A handful of campers began their session as novice paddlers and ended the summer as solo canoe artists. This is the aim of the canoeing program. We want campers to be excited about paddling, to willingly push their own abilities. We spent early mornings paddling around Pathfinder Island on glassy Source Lake, and evening FTOWs practicing style moves and dock landings. These free-play opportunities led to optionals spent balancing on and swimming around canoes as we push the boats to their limits. It led to magical moments on the water as the Park plane flew by. Most importantly, it led to kids approaching the DOCs asking about when they could paddle next, whether I could help them learn to flip up, and how the day's canoeing program will challenge them to become better paddlers.

The canoeing program helped campers develop a love for the canoe equal to their dependence on it. **At Pathfinder we're all extremely competent paddlers, yet the canoeing program allows both campers and staff to work together to push the boundaries of our skills.** The Canoe Dock is where everything at Pathfinder both begins and ends. Yet what we do just off the Canoe Dock never concludes. Each day the campers learn something from the DOCs , and each day we learn something from them. The beauty of it is that we can never reach the limit of what is possible in a canoe, yet we can create memorable experiences as we attempt to.



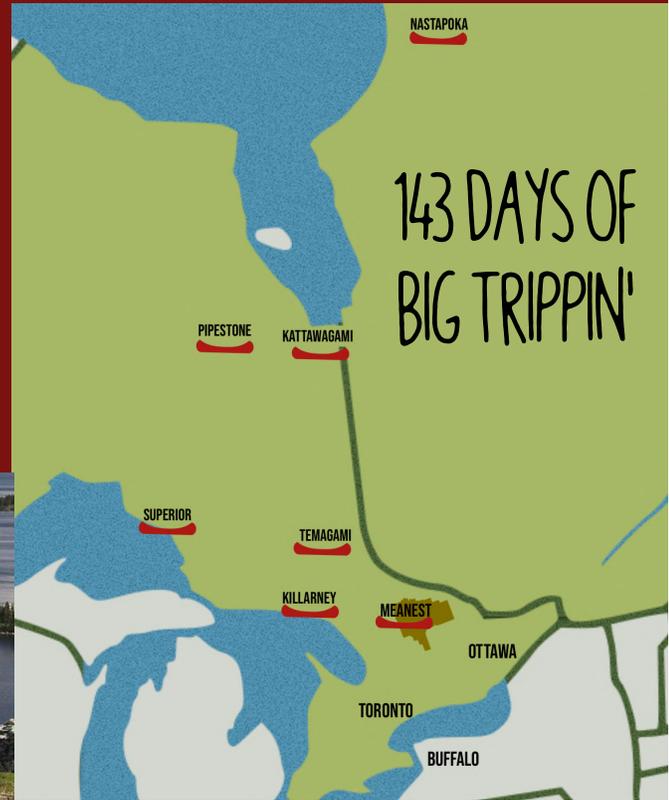
Our '22 BIG Canoe Trips

Meanest Link • Superior • Nastapoka R. • Kattawagami R. • Pipestone-Winisk R. • Temagami • Killarney to Georgian Bay

[View all 2022 Trips](#)

Our 13 & 14 year old Bear Campers, 15 year old AA Trippers, and 16 year old Leaders in Training (LITs) tripped far and wide this summer, adventuring to some of Canada's most amazing canoe tripping destinations stretching from Algonquin Park to Hudson's Bay.

Alongside trained and trusted Headmen and Secondmen, these boys pushed themselves, became stronger and smarter trippers, and made friends and memories for a lifetime.



"The Nastapoka River was the most amazing place with the best group I could ask for. From the 3-day bus ride to ending in Umiujaq, none of us would rather be anywhere else no matter the conditions, whether it was freezing cold, rain, wind, or bugs. Every day the landscape changed, starting in a flat forested area, and ending in the most stunning open rock mountains. **The thing about Pathfinder is that no matter how hard the day is, you're still having the best time of your life because of the people you're with.** It's something you realize over time even if you don't in the moment."

-Sam Mendola, 2022 AA Tripper



Nastapoka 39 days, Fri. 7/8 - Tues. 8/16 **Staff** Peter Koch, Simon Jeens, Aidan McPhail **AAs** George Black, Liam Oakley, Taz Dawson, Ben Rooney, Sam Mendola, Felix Shapiro

Pipestone-Winisk 38 days, Wed. 7/6 - Fri. 8/12 **Staff** Sam Hamlett, Henry Clark, Silas Witmore **AAs** Tucker Welt, Charley Rands, Matt Knox, Hannes Aubrecht, Owen Brackley, Indiana Abram

Kattawagami 16 days, Thu.. 7/28 - Sun. 8/12 **Staff** Simon McNamee, Timo Krapf **LITs** Cooper Boulay, Emmett Boulay, Peyton Dahmen, Rowan Maitland, Griffin Muir, Lleyton Rossi, Shane Whiteside

Meanest Link 18 days, Mon. 7/4 - Thu. 7/21 **Staff** Andrew Beecher, Evan Papat, Henry Zeif **Bears** Hamish Eady, Alex Bundgard, Pat McSweeney, Fernando Bustamante, Elliot Goodpasture, Jackson Ewing

Temagami 11 days, Sat. 8/6 - Tues. 8/16 **Staff** Tate Pierson, CJ Lenahan, Peter Brownrigg **Bears** Pat McSweeney, L Dawson, Brennan Gallagher, Ahmad Khalaf, Nate Laginski, Graeme MacKay-White

Killarney 11 days, Sat. 8/6 - Tues. 8/16 **Staff** Gabe Myrick, Graham Hall, Mac Fabens **Bears** Connor Dew, Hamish Eady, Josh Guptill, Cole Huey, Gus Shapiro, Henry Spratt

Superior 10 days, Thu. 7/6 - Fri. 7/15 **Staff** Simon McNamee, Christian Kolaga **LITs** Cooper Boulay, Emmett Boulay, Jack Cutler, Peyton Dahmen, Rowan Maitland, Griffin Muir, Lleyton Rossi





From The Program

Paige Clark, Program Director

This past summer, our 109th season, was filled once more with fun, laughs, adventures and excitement. **2022 marked my 5th year as Program Director**, and I am so happy to be coming back this May to begin year number 6. A little background before I jump into our program highlights from this season... I had my first experience at Pathfinder when I was just 12 years old. I attended the Allendale Columbia Pathfinder school trip in September and celebrated my birthday on the Island. My dad had been a camper back in the 60's, but as anyone who has been to CPI knows, hearing about camp and being at camp are two totally different experiences. I was floored. I had never been somewhere so beautiful, so remote, and so "me." I led the compass hunt through the woods, sterned every canoe I could get to, and could have continued living in a platform tent for the rest of the year. The day I got back home to Rochester, my parents signed me up for Camp Northway, where I was a camper and staff for over 10 years. I took a couple years off, working at

Allendale as a substitute teacher and day care teacher. **When the opportunity came to me to come back to Algonquin and work at the place that kicked off my love for nature and all things canoe tripping, I didn't hesitate.** I am so happy to be a part of this Pathfinder community and can't wait to program in more fun, amazing camp experiences for all my campers just like I had as a girl. OK - back to the program!



After a wild couple Covid years, we were so happy to have FULL enrollment. Our campers got to experience all that Pathfinder offers in-camp and on trip. Let me first talk tripping - DOT Chris O'Brien sent out 58 trips this summer: 9 overnight trips, 33 3-7-day trips, 11 8-14-day trips, a "Meanest Link" (18 days), 2 LIT trips - Kattawagami (16 days) & Lake Superior (10 days), 2 AA trips - Nastapoka River (39 days) & Pipestone-Winisk (38 days).



Virtually all the Staff worked on canoe trips this year. This included newly-minted CITs, rookie Secondmen, new Headmen, and veteran Headmen from 2- to 5-years' experience. Members of our swim staff, nursing team, Alumni-in-Residence program, and tripping directors - everyone got onto the trail with kids. What a feat! **Back to exploring the creeks, rivers and lakes of our Park and lands beyond, our campers were able to see moose, loons, cranes, foxes, bears, freshwater seals and even beluga whales.** We had many a camper or staff catch and cook fresh fish for their already-delicious trip meals.

In camp, our program was full of fun and adventure. Archery, ropes, swimming, kayaking, whittling, fishing, Source Lake explorations and more. The Ballfield grass survived through heated games of turbo, incrediball and even a color-war or two. The Canoe Dock had boys out on the water every day, whether it be helmets-on for a go at the new Canoe Dock favorite 'Can-U-Run' or practicing their best j-strokes, hoping to one day claim that level 4 Water Walker status. Wonderful guest speakers joined us. Day trips got us paddling, hiking and biking out in the Park. We even had a visit 2nd half from the Park's yellow float plane, and our pal Ben the Pilot.



Each half the Canoe Regatta and Swim Meet gave campers the chance to fight for the win and show off their new paddling, swimming and tripping skills. Two 9-Old Men vs. Camper All-Stars games were rampant and wild, bringing together campers and staff in this favorite Pathfinder tradition. End of summer closed with all-camp regatta, an electric Joe Lightning Race and a memorable Final Banquet. The singing, pounding and cheers echoed across Source as those Best, Most-Improved, Tripping & Pathfinder Award winners were announced. **All in all, this 2022 Summer season will stick with us throughout the chilly winter, and bring us back together again for Summer 2023, the 110th Pathfinder year.** Thank you staff, thank you campers, thank you families for giving your boys this opportunity to spend another summer with us on wonderful Pathfinder Island. Noonway.



Dive Into Our Program

2 programs from 1st half, 2 programs from 2nd half.



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Brad Burdzy



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CANOE TRIPS
Out: Nastapoka & Asheweg

Saturday July 2, 2022

7:45 Polar Bear 8:00 First Call 8:20 Flagpole 8:30 Breakfast 9:15 Infirm. Call 9:30 Inspection

**** RIGHT AFTER INSPECTION, ALL NEW ARRIVALS HEAD TO SWIM TESTS W NELL, VIRG & ELLA ****

10:15 AM - MORNING ACTIVITIES

LOONS Island Exploration in search for the Bunderflap
RAVENS Rockwall & Ropes with all raven 2ndmen & headmen
BEARS/AAs Trip Training with DOCs Aidan Walters & Ben Zief, with all bear 2ndmen & headmen
FULL AAs Paddle, Paint & Goal setting with AA Trip Staff
LITs Goal Setting Workshop with Simon @ Chapel
Outfitting for Samlett & Jeans
WFA (6) all CITs to the Rec Lodge

12:15 Staff Swim 12:50 Flagpole 1:00 Lunch 2-3 Rest Hour

3:00 PM - AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

LOONS SWIM PRACTICE (ends at 4) then head to dining hall for drawing & letters w your counsellors
RAVENS Soccer at the Basker court (lo) followed by SWIM PARTY!!!! (4-5)
BEARS/AAs Keep on Training
FULL AAs Ballfield Bananza LETS GET BONKERS CRAZY
LITs 'GET THAT BOAT INVOLVED' at Bruce Lake with Simon & Jack

WFA (6) all CITs to the Rec Lodge

5:15 Staff Swim 5:50 Flagpole 6:00 Dinner

7:30 EVENING ACTIVITY - TURBO DODGEBALLLLLLL
AFTER CALL TO QUARTERS, ALL STAFF LETTER WRITING IN DINING HALL

LOWER KINGDOM	MIDDLE & UPPER KINGDOM
8:30 Call to Quarters 9:00 Taps	9:00 Call to Quarters 9:30 Taps

G-Run - DOF & LITs **SSOD - Simon**



BELL RINGER:
Matthew Hudak



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CANOE TRIPS
Out: Nastapoka & Asheweg

Saturday July 23, 2022

LAST DAY TO EARN 1ST HALF AAs

8:00 First Call & Polar Bear 8:20 Flagpole 8:30 Breakfast 9:15 Infirm. Call 9:30 Inspection

MORNING OPTIONALS (10:00, 10:40, 11:20)

Archery Tate, Declan	Badminton JamesF, Max	Kayak BMW, GHK, Jamie
A&C Sunraya, AlexB, Tate	Basketball Cous, Jacob	Sail Virg, Bundgard, Benji, CJ, Kolaga
Swim Nell, Ella, Erin	Horseshoes SamZ, Dillon	Canoe Benz, Walters, Brownrigg, Mac

Powercrew: IanB, Will, Gideon, DanH, Jake, Asher, Ely, Wes **LITs:** Outfitting with Simon

12:15 Staff Swim 12:50 Flagpole 1:00 Lunch 2-3 Rest Hour for Campers

 **CAMPER ALL STAR TRYOUTS** with Head Coach Brownrigg, Coach Seifred & Coach Price

AFTERNOON OPTIONALS (3:00, 3:40, 4:20)

Archery Jake, Will	Badminton Ely, Dillon	Kayak JamesH, Ander, Gideon
A&C Sunraya, BMW, SamZ	Basketball JamesF, DanH	Sail Virg, Bundgard, Benji, CJ, Kolaga
Swim Nell, Ella, Erin	Horseshoes GHK, Declan	Canoe Benz, Walters, JamieS, Asher

Powercrew: AlexB, IanB, Cous, Max, Mac, Tate **LITs:** Outfitting with Simon

5:15 Staff Swim 5:50 Flagpole 6:00 Dinner

7:45 - NCR FINAL COUNCIL FIRE & TRIP REPORTS

LOWER KINGDOM	MIDDLE & UPPER KINGDOM
8:30 Call to Quarters 9:00 Taps	9:00 Call to Quarters 9:30 Taps

G-Run - Senior Staff **SSOD - Chris**





BELL RINGER
Asher Dryden



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CANOE TRIPS
Out: Nastapoka, Asheweg, Kattawagami +43
Leaving 44
Returning: 32, 33, 34, 37
Trucking: Canoe PM P.U.
Rock AM D.O. to McManus PM P.U.

Friday August 5, 2022

8:00 Polar Bear & First Call 8:20 Flagpole 8:30 Breakfast 9:15 Infirm. Call 9:30 Inspection

MORNING ACTIVITIES

LOONS (20) WAR CANOE TO LEECH BEACH (With Ely, James, Aubs, Max, Virginia, Erin)
RAVENS(6) **Rock Lake Bike Trip !!! with Aidan W & Benji**
BEARS (23) **COLOR WAR!!!! RED vs. BLUE** (With Polo, Tate, Peter, Jacob)

12:15 Staff Swim 12:50 Flagpole 1:00 Lunch 2-3 Rest Hour for Campers

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

3:00 PM - 3RD PERIOD	4:00 PM - 4TH PERIOD
LOONS L1 & L2 - One Match Fires & Mallows (With Aubrey, Jacob & Max) L3 & Tents - Map Making in the Rec Lodge (With Ely, James & Ella)	L1 & L2 - Map Making in the Rec Lodge (With Ely, James & Ella) L3 & Tents - One Match Fires & Mallows (With Aubrey, Jacob & Max)
RAVENS GET BACK FROM BIKE (With Virginia & Peter)	Arts & Crafts (With Tate & Erin)
BEARS SOLO PADDLE TO LEECH BEACH :) (With Virginia & Peter)	

4:45 Staff Swim 5:15 Chapel 5:50 Flagpole 6:00 Dinner

7:15 EVENING ACTIVITY



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LOWER KINGDOM	MIDDLE & UPPER KINGDOM
8:30 Call to Quarters 9:00 Taps	9:00 Call to Quarters 9:30 Taps

G-Run - Bears Beach Vacation Staff **SSOD - Chris**
DAY OFF: Gabe M, Wes, Mac, Alex B, Declan



BELL RINGER:
Kareem Ibrahim



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Thursday August 18, 2022

8:00 First Call & Polar Bear 8:20 Flagpole 8:30 Breakfast 9:15 Infirm. Call 9:30 Inspection

10:00 - 12:15

Loon & Raven Canoe Regatta - Bear & AA Swim Meet
POWERCREW & REC LODGE SET UP

12:15 Staff Swim 12:50 Flagpole 1:00 Lunch 2-2:30 Rest ½ Hour

2:30 - 4:00

Bear & AA Canoe Regatta - **Loon & Raven Swim Meet**

4:00 - 5:15

CAMP SHOW REHEARSAL - ALL STAR PRACTICE
PRE-PACKING & CLEANING FOR CAMPERS AND STAFF

5:15 Staff Swim 5:50 Flagpole 6:00 Dinner

*After Dinner - Camp Show Performers report for dress rehearsal in Rec Lodge!!!
 - 7:30 -



2022 Pathfinder Camp Show

& Trip Slideshows



Taps for all immediately following the show
 Day Off - Alex B, Peter, Mac, GHK, Asher, Wes, Jamie, Henry



From The Swim Dock

Nell Bruckner, Waterfront Director



What a summer it was down on the Camp Pathfinder waterfront! It was an absolute joy to have **veteran Virginia Boyer, and rookie waterfront staff Ella Born and Erin Iserhoff** join me for my second year as waterfront director. From aquatic trip training to free swims, soap baths, and AA work this year there was a fantastic enthusiasm surrounding the swim dock from both campers and staff. Despite Big Moment swim tests being a bit colder and rainier than anticipated, the first half campers all crushed their tests and excelled through their AA work (AA's are Pathfinder's merit awards) and training in the water. In second half we attempted a more direct, in-the-water approach to swim lessons with mixed results, but we used these challenges to better prepare ourselves as waterfront staff for first-timer swim lessons, so in that way it was a success.



We saw massive improvements, especially from our youngest Loons, in the general comfort level in the water as well as their swimming skills which was a joy to watch. The Raven age group had some exceedingly eager swimmers, some who even managed to earn 2-3 swimming AA's in one day on Last Chance to Earn AA's! While many of the Bears were on trip for the majority of their time at camp, we still had some hilarious free swims and many AA's awarded to members of the age group as well. AAs too for our Activity Assistants – many of whom I have known now since they were Loon age – whose energy we missed greatly while they were on their full and half-season trips. We had a blast hosting spur-of-the-moment free swims and hearing their stories as they took much-needed soap baths. After the LIT's returned from their second trip we were also lucky enough to have them helping in and around the waterfront, getting in the water with campers to work on their swimming AA's as well as assisting at the Tee Board and administering buddy checks. We even had some members of the staff take an interest in long-distance swims, hopping in the water at the Swim Dock and heading out across Source Lake!

The "shoulder seasons" at Pathfinder can be the quieter seasons on the waterfront, but not this year! **We were lucky enough to be joined by multiple school groups, all of which - no matter the weather - took their swim tests and soap-bathed at the end of each day.** A few extra-brave school groupers even free-swam in freezing cold and rainy weather. While we missed our waterfront staff during these shoulder seasons, it was a pleasure to have spring and fall crew members brush up their lifeguarding and water safety skills, assisting me at the waterfront!

As waterfront director I cannot overstate how fun, eager, and joyful my time on the dock was this summer. **I hope that every camper is keeping up their skills this winter so they can jump into the next swimming AA level when they return next season!** Thank you very much to all the families who trusted me, Virginia, Erin, and Ella with your campers both on and off the swim dock this summer, and a special thank you to Sladds for allowing me the opportunity to work and live with my closest friends and the best kids in Algonquin Park. See you all next season and Noonway!



JOE LIGHTNING RACE

Legendary Aug. 19 Canoe Race across Source Lake



A Pathfinder favorite and the toughest camp endurance race in the Park, the Joe Lightning tests speed, skill and stamina of our staff (and occasionally some power hungry senior campers) on the water and on the trail. The event is sandwiched between the 9-old Men baseball game and the 2nd Half Banquet. As campers sprint down to the docks to squeeze in for a good view of the water, racers line up their bows. Headmen, Secondmen and anyone else daring to compete for the coveted win grab lucky paddles and PFDs, get in a last practice stroke, and hope for no cracked paddles. **Racers have been waking up before the bell to practice switches and test out boats all season for this one moment.**

Source looked good this year, a slight headwind and the bright sun made it the perfect day for a race. The bows lined up and adrenaline was pumping, Nell shouted out the countdown and off they went. Timo Krapf set himself up at the Source Lake rail bed to capture the apex of the race ([our 2022 poster photo](#)), the arrival of a band of red cedars narrowing in on that small landing, paddlers barreling out of the water flipping their canoes up mid-run. Within minutes, racers had sprinted the rail-bed portage, dodging fallen trees and other boats, and were already back on Source power-paddling to the finish.

Those of us on island were eagerly scanning the lake looking for that first red canoe. Once it was spotted the **energy was electric**. Screams and shouts from campers and staff began to grow as we saw Simon McNamee and Peter Koch speeding toward the point going for the fastest recorded time yet. As they flew in among the cheers, they clocked their win at 34:18, just 9 seconds behind the all time record. An unreal finish for these two winners, followed by Sam Hamlett and Henry Clark in second, and Ben Zief and Aidan McPhail in third. Bravo to all who participated!



Joe Lightning: 1st, 2nd & 3rd
place winners

-Paiqe Clark

A Closer Look at School Groups

Pathfinder has been welcoming school groups to our Island in Spring, Winter and Fall for almost 3 decades. Before then, our classic 'shoulder seasons' did not exist in the way they do now. I asked **Pete Johnson** for some history on our school group program. Pete teaches at Elmwood Franklin, is a Pathfinder Alumnus in Residence, and one of the 'founders' of the school group program here at Pathfinder. Here is what he had to say...



“Elmwood Franklin started coming up in 1994. Mac Rand, Camp Director at the time, and Jon Benjamin, former Headman, were both EFS science teachers. We wanted a way to get our students up to Pathfinder during the school year. Camp only ran in the summer, so we had to provide our own staff, including our own chef (one of our maintenance guys) The three of us were joined by RB, Pete and Ziggy for years to come. One of the Pathfinder canoes is actually dedicated to RB for all her years running school groups. Dee Drew and Deb Clark began coming up in 2015. Once Sladds took over as Camp Director in 1999, he began to add his own Pathfinder staff, guys who had just graduated and had time off to dedicate helping out camp in the off season. Trips looked like this: ropes, paddling, hiking, star gazing floats, trips to the visitor center, guest speakers, Muskoka proms, early morning polar bear, Jack Hurley shop visits, day break trolling, FTOWs, war canoes, Leiderhaus stories with Sladds, .Ti-Jean movie, and Message to Garcia. EFS took lots of winter trips up to the Island led by Mac and Benjamin, carried on by Sladds, Karl Doench and myself. Main characters in our first years at camp- Chris Brackley, Erik Willers, Joe Beecher, Graham Chapek, Adam Mollenberg, Patricia Roberge, and Karl. Lots of EFS students became CPI campers and staff, including Matt DK, Rich Gioia (Tripping & Pathfinder winners), **100s of grade 7-8 kids from Buffalo and Rochester have had an OE experience thanks to this program.”**

Name: Elmwood Franklin
Grade: 8th
Years at CPI: 29
Location: South Buffalo, NY
Highlight: Ropes Challenge Course
CPI Connection: Alumni In Res. Pete Johnson (current teacher), Headmen Sam Hamlett, Evan Papat (former students), to name a few among hundreds.

Name: Nichols School
Grade: 7th
Years at CPI: 21
Location: Buffalo, NY
Highlight: 2nd longest CPI school tenure
CPI Connection: Massive number of camp staff & alumni from Nichols. Faculty who became Staff: Jessica Spielberger & Sandy Smith Cunningham.

Name: Allendale Columbia
Grade: 7th
Years at CPI: 20
Location: Rochester, NY
Highlight: Tom Thompson Day Trip
CPI Connection: Director Mike Sladden (former student) Program Director Paige Clark (former student/teacher)

Name: Wilson/Inquiry HS
Grade: 9th-12th
Years at CPI: 15
Location: Rochester, NY
Highlight: 1st school group to take out overnight canoe trips!
CPI Connection: Students who became Staff: Carolyn Gombert, Hannah Krueger, Erica Mason, Zach Dean, Ellen Sherwood, Kaleb Chitaphong!

Name: City Honors
Grade: 7th-8th
Years at CPI: 4
Location: Buffalo, NY
Highlight: Largest CPI school group
CPI Connection: Countless campers, staff and alumni came from City Honors.

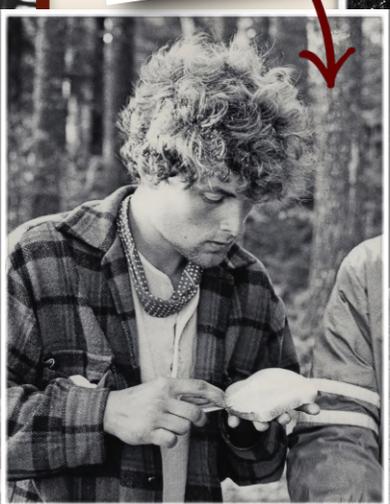
Name: Buffalo Seminary
Grade: 11th
Years at CPI: 3
Location: Buffalo, NY
Highlight: Muskoka Prom!
CPI Connection: Assistant Director Mary Chestnut (former student)

Name: Strata Montessori MS
Grade: 6th-9th
Years at CPI: 2
Location: Dundas ON
Highlight: Spring, Fall and Winter visits to CPI!
CPI Connection: Lead teacher/ Temagami veteran Justin Metz is a *Spruce Root* fellow.

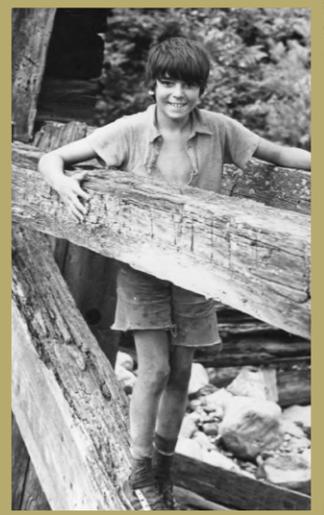
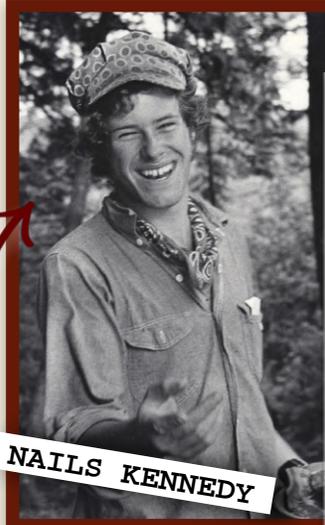
Name: Mercersburg Academy
Grade: Small Group of HS students
Years at CPI: 1st Year
Location: Mercersburg, PA
Highlight: 5 day overnight trip
CPI Connection: Former Headman Jake Kennedy (current teacher)

Name: Vermont Commons
Grade: 6th-12th
Years at CPI: 1st Year
Location: South Burlington, VT
Highlight: 3 day overnight trip
CPI Connection: Former Headman Kathryn McDermott (current teacher)

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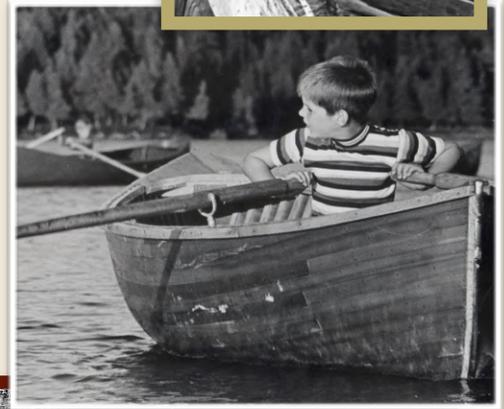
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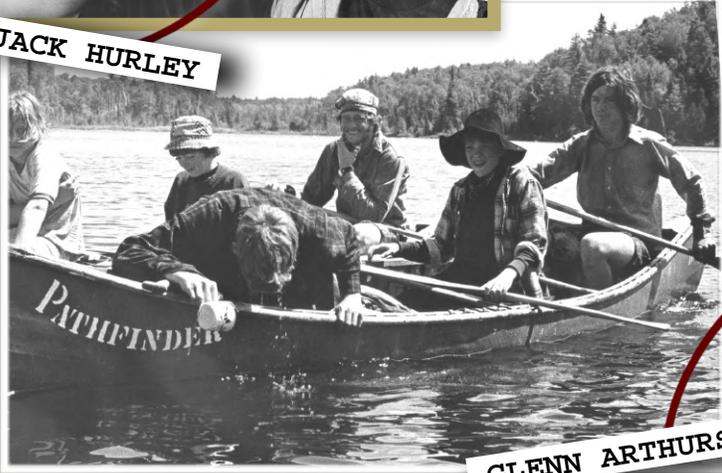
CAMP '72 - '74

These nostalgic photos of CPI campers & staff were graciously shared back in 2013 to our page by 1970's Pathfinder Headman **Jamie Doucett**.

Thank you Jamie for this trip down Pathfinder memory lane from **50 years ago!**



JACK HURLEY



GLENN ARTHURS



Seeing old Pathfinder photos & bulletins never gets old

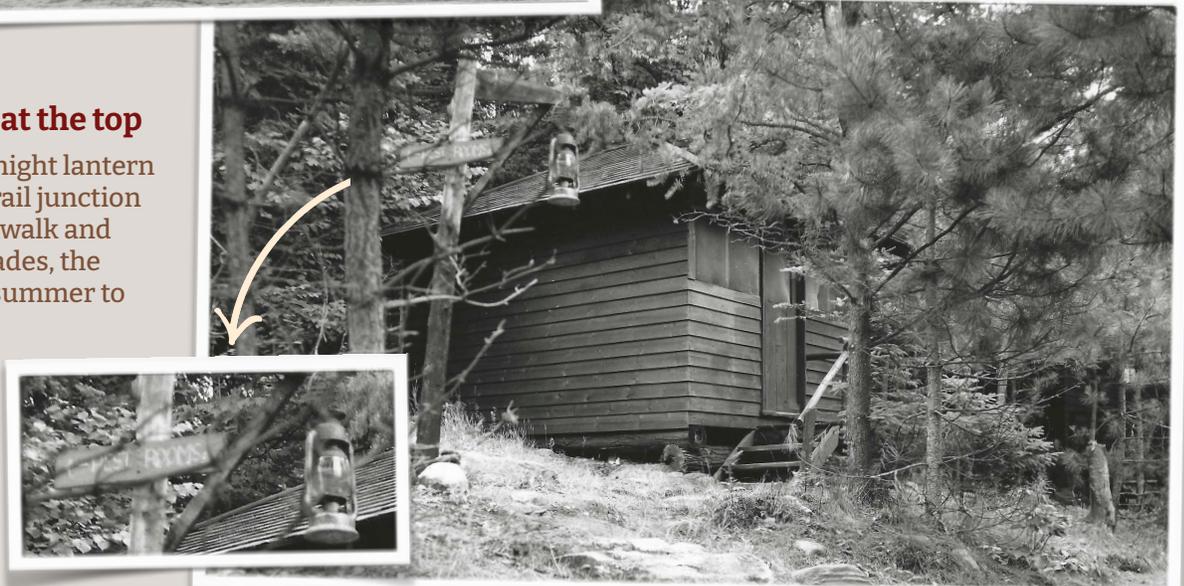
As camp approaches the **110th anniversary**, here are images recently donated by camp alumni. These come from a variety of eras, but share the trait that they are 'official' camp photos, often taken by a hired professional, then copied in large quantities to send the campers from Chief Norton.

A 1945 photo of campers arriving for a Big Moment by speed boat. Note the vintage outboard motor, a space-age technology at this time, and the customary white t-shirt and pants the staff wore on special days per Mr. Norton.



This shot, of our Lodge 3 shoreline long ago, shows the towering Bell Tower white pine and the single flagpole flying both colors. Stalker Park trees are still very young, as are the cedars, balsam and jack pines at the shoreline. The lodge had only simple steps until the early 2000s when the porch deck was built. Note that tetherball was already in place, and guys were already hanging clothes on the Lodge 2 walls.

In this view, ca. 1945, at the top row of staff cabins, a night lantern hangs on its strut at the trail junction up toward the OCR, Boardwalk and Forts. In camp's early decades, the CITs were assigned each summer to maintain, light and douse these lanterns, in the era before reliable flashlights. It appears there's a sign for 'Rest Rooms' nailed to the post.





Dear Mother and Father,

I love camp and can swim about 50 yards I am making a little surprize for camp I can row a boat and am learning to paddle a canoe. I am going on a 3 day trip with Sonney Norton, Jack Ingle & Jimmy O'Grady

Sunday letter home

July 1929 from David Lanni. Cool note paper and a great outlook by an age-10 full season rookie.

Camper progress report.

In camp's early days, Mr. Norton used an elaborate, detailed 'report card' on a camper's health, weight, strength and goals-accomplishment. Points were awarded toward a summer's total for each boy.

PATHFINDER ACHIEVEMENT RECORD

	Points Allowed	Points Won	Leadership Points Won	Points Allowed	Points Won	Leadership Points Won
I. CAMP ACTIVITIES SCHOOL						
1. Arrangement of tent	25					
2. Construction of mosquito canopy	25					
3. Making of cot	25					
4. Trunk arrangement	25					
5. Rolling tent sides and flaps	25					
6. Swimming	75					
7. Rowing	75					
8. Handling the row boat and oars	75					
9. Use of Scout Knife	25					
10. Fishing	50					
11. Cleanliness, personal equipment, bedding and all clothing	75					
	500	500				
II. TRIP ACTIVITIES SCHOOL						
1. Equipment: (see P. 7 manual) a. What to take in pack; b. What to wear on trip	25					
2. Packing—How to make blanket roll	95					
3. Tumping	25					
4. Portaging	75					
5. Care and use of row boat and oars	50					
6. Loading and unloading row boat	25					
7. Pitching and ditching tent (with leader)	50					
8. Making trip bed	25					
9. Walloping	25					
10. Care of personal property	25					
11. Building fire and wood supply	25					
12. Sanitation	100					
	500	500				
NOTE: All trip activities are to be passed on trips.						
III. AMERICAN RED CROSS WATER PROGRAM						
1. Qualified as Beginner	100					
2. Qualified as Swimmer	100					
NOTE: Boys who can swim before coming to camp will not receive the beginner's 100 points.						
IV. FIRST AID COURSE						
Taught by Camp Physician	100					
V. ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES						
1. Archery	50					
2. Athletics	50					
3. Books Read from Camp Library	1.75					
4. Baseball	2.0					
5. Camp Paper						
6. Checkers						
7. Council Ring						
8. Diving						
9. Dramatics						
10. Fishing	2.0					
11. Golf						
12. Handicraft	50					
13. Hiking	50					
14. Horseshoes	1.5					
15. Inspection	30.7					
16. Music in helping with long camp	2.50					
17. Nature Study	50					
18. Photography						
19. Ping Pong	1.5					
20. Projects helping for Mr. Norton	1.50					
21. Quoits	50					
22. Ring Toss						
23. Rowing	7.5					
24. Regatta (camp)	1.0					
25. Regatta (park)	1.0					
26. Sewing	50					
	110					
				Total Points	4259	
VII. DEGREE TESTS						
Points Carried Forward 30.00						
1. POLLYWOG DEGREE						
a. Boating	10					
b. Trees	10					
c. Birds	10					
d. Wild Life	10					
e. Leadership	10					
f. Trip Rating	10					
g. Athletics	10					
h. Swimming	10					
i. Tent Inspection	10					
j. Astronomy	10					
	100	100				
2. FROG DEGREE						
a. Boating	10					
b. Trees	10					
c. Birds	10					
d. Wild Life	10					
e. Leadership	10					
f. Trip Rating	10					
g. Athletics	10					
h. Swimming	10					
i. Tent Inspection	10					
j. Astronomy	10					
	100	100				
3. SQUIRREL						
a. Boating	10					
b. Trees	10					
c. Birds	10					
d. Wild Life	10					
e. Leadership	10					
f. Trip Rating	10					
g. Athletics	10					
h. Swimming	10					
i. Tent Inspection	10					
j. Astronomy	10					
	100	100				
4. PORCUPINE						
a. Boating	10					
b. Trees	10					
c. Birds	10					
d. Wild Life	10					
e. Leadership	10					
f. Trip Rating	10					
g. Athletics	10					
h. Swimming	10					
i. Tent Inspection	10					
j. Astronomy	10					
	100	100				
5. TURTLE						
a. Canoeing	10					
b. Trees	10					
c. Birds	10					
d. Wild Life	10					
e. Leadership	10					
f. Trip Rating	10					
g. Athletics	10					
h. Swimming	10					
i. Diving	10					
j. Camp Craft	10					
k. Astronomy	10					
	110					



PHID GOODWIN

July 1929, Rochester's New York Central rail station.

Built in 1914, Pathfinder's founding year, by local architect Claude Bragdon. Parents, staff and campers with their duffels celebrate the rail journey north to Pathfinder's 16th season. Foot lockers would have traveled to camp a week ahead. The group may little suspect the impending market crash that year, which will begin the Great Depression. The counselor at center with the light suit and straw hat is Phid Goodwin, Jack Sladden's great-grandfather.

Bringing old posts up front:

Our Camp Pathfinder Facebook page has been filling with historical posts, photos and information for over ten years.

We have done the digging for you and brought iconic posts out from the deep .Enjoy.



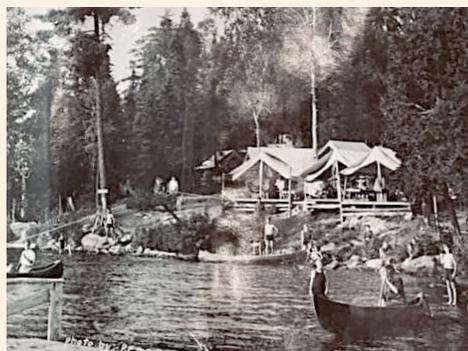
Jamey Bumbalo:
With Roy in 1980--Tiger and I were second-year second men.



Valerie Roggow Grier:
4th from left Mike Roggow, then Jeff Jabs, Alex Hurley? 1984



Sarah Holden:
Some things change, and some things never change. This is in 1935, Al Chestnut and crew at the "end of an easy 10-miler"



Rick Galbraith:
Camp Pathfinder circa 1925. My grandfather Dr. John R. Williams attended as a camper and returned as camp doctor in 1925



Mac Rand:
Big Moment Flashback, early 70's: Was there ever a better car dock "meeter and greeter" than J Lay?



Jim "Nails" Kennedy:
A hall-of-fame Nine Old Men squad. Back when old was old. L to R: Harry Davis, Lance, Jerry Taylor, Bob Guide, Bob Roggow, Mac, Bill Jabs, Gyro, Nails, Wolfman, Mike Bullis, Monty, Roy.



Brad Williams:
Calendar Board, 1950



Scott Marks:
Fran Labun, Mac, Nails, Glenn, Big John, Steve Whitman, Armand Saia, Mike Bullis. Looks like 1975 Head Men vs Second Men War Canoe race.



Brad Williams:
Canoe Dock, 1950

Introducing the newest member of the Pathfinder community...

Our very own **Dave Statten**, Pathfinder Canoemaker, and his wife Svetlana have welcomed their first born into the world, a beautiful girl named Dagmar. Dave has been with us since 2018. He and his wife Svetlana were married here on the Island in Fall 2021. A big 'hey' and congratulations from all of us at CPI.



“She was born 4 days early on Halloween in the Peterborough hospital at exactly 4pm. She took her sweet time, making her mom endure 41 hours of labour to get her out. She weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz and was 19 inches long (about the size of a slot sized lake trout). She had a pretty full head of dark hair when she was born. She is 2 months old now and over the last months we have noticed little changes in her, e.g. her hair is lighter, her eyes are piercing blue and she has one strong dimple on her right side. She is a very happy baby, sleeps well and smiles a lot, especially when Dad talks to her and tries to make her talk back. She has long fingers and theatric hands that are busy. She seems to like music and staring out the window at the snow. She is noisy and makes little sounds like a Pine Marten.”



2022 Canoe Dedication

The Mary, The Bony Maroney, & The Jamey.

On June 29, 2022, two days before the Big Moment, Pathfinder Staff and special guests gathered on the Canoe Dock before sunset for a special memorial canoe dedication. Three beautiful newly built Jack Hurley canoes were displayed on a canoe dock floater.

Below are transcribed sections from these three speeches.



Speech By Jack Hurley

"I started doing canoes for Camp Pathfinder in 1978. I went to Pathfinder as a kid until 1964, and then I went as a staff person from '66 to '74 ... in 1978 Roy Thrall asked me to fix (ten) canoes, no canoes had ever been fixed at Pathfinder... there wasn't a single canoe that you could flip up, that's how bad they were. ... when we got the mold that all these (new) canoes are built on, Glenn (Arthurs) got the first one, the next one was donated by a Pathfinder Headman, Bob Ludwig. He said 'I want Tom Dodd's name on it', and the Tom Dodd (#7) is still here."

The Mary Hurley.

"...my mother had died, so we three sons (she) was sending up here all these years donated a canoe to the camp...it was called the Mary (mother Mary Hurley)... the Mary put in 12 years of hard service. Sometime about 15 years ago up in Temagami, on the darkest day in Pathfinder canoe history, the 3 canoes were keeping together... slowly but surely the 3 canoes started wandering (heading towards a falls on the Temagami R.)...all of a sudden (the canoe trippers) went from being very happy people to being very unhappy people...one canoe snapped in half instantly...Phil Duggan was in the bow and actually paddled a couple strokes after the back end had been detached, just like in the cartoons. The Chief (#1, for the original owner of the camp) went over the falls and stayed in the backwash and didn't come back up, and the Roggow (#17, for Norm & Margaret Roggow) was in triage for a long time in my shop, and was the only one that went back into service. Unfortunately they could not get the Chief out, so a group of Pathfinder Headmen went up with all sorts of winches, and ropes and tackle...one was my son Alex, one was my son Brent, and the other was Zach Arem, and they went up and got the Chief out. No canoe left behind!"

After all these years the Mary is going back into service...it's a massive thing that (The Mary) is back... after all those years. These three canoes are my last projects for Camp Pathfinder. This is it."

The Bony Maroney.

"It's my opinion, that in all the years I've been associated with Pathfinder, 62 years, that my brother Paul was the greatest canoe tripper ever, by far. You say why? My brother Paul was a juvenile diabetic. (In 1960) the owner Mr. Norton from Camp Pathfinder came to our house with his movies to sign one of us three boys up for Camp Pathfinder. ... He not only got the 2 brothers that weren't diabetic...but he (also) got Paul...my father talks the owner of the camp into letting Paul go on canoe trips, though they didn't want to do it. The only other diabetic camper had never left the rowboat dock. Paul goes on these canoe trips...going on these 13 day trips up the Western Boundary. He had one vial of insulin, disposable syringes had just come out, and the bottle of insulin was in a thermos.... He went up the Western Boundary and they were lost for three days on a lake called Sahwa, and when all the guys came back in his group they had cut their white teeshirts off at the shoulders and written The Sahwa Raiders on them, and for the first time in Paul's life he was just one of the guys."

"He leaves camp in 1963, forgets about life at Pathfinder. Second year of law school he decides to come back to camp and he talks Bill Swift Sr. into letting him take out trips...Swift said to Paul, 'you can go but you can only take out the little guys.' The little guys were all told what to look for (if Paul were in Diabetic distress) I recently talked to Rich Swift, who is now the owner of Algonquin Outfitters, he was one of Paul's campers, and they once noticed that the canoe was going in a semi circle and that Paul had stopped paddling...they looked back at him and his eyes were glazed over, they knew he was having an insulin reaction, so they got him to the shore line, got the sugar out the pack, got it under his tongue. He survived it, and they went on with the trip."

"Everyone in life has the chance to do something special. Lots of people get the chance and they miss it... What (Paul) did at Pathfinder was extra special. They (wouldn't have been able to) get him off the trip, there were no cell phones, and they just made it. He made it as a counselor also...Paul died last week trying to make it for this presentation, but he didn't. He knew it was happening. The great Graham England carved the 'Bony Maroney' into the thwart...all the lyrics to the song Bony Maroney, are underneath the thwart. So you might say...whats up with the Bony Maroney? Well, when Paul used to come in at the end of one of his trips with the little guys...he'd stand up on the gunwales at the stern, pretend he was playing a guitar, and be singing the Bony Maroney."

At this point Graham England joined Jack, Jack asking Graham if he had his lyrics and Graham pointing to his head saying 'they're up here.' The two legendary canoe builders then led the crowd of Pathfinder staff, current and past, in the singing of the Bony Maroney. The two sang loud, the crowd joining in the chorus, and as the whole Canoe Dock finished with a classic Pathfinder 'heyyy', Jack raised his scrap-wood notes to the sky, saying 'Heres to my brother Paul.'





Speech By Tiger Lion

Tiger, Pathfinder alumnus, headman and former camper, was one of Jamey Bumbalo's closest friends. As such, it was fitting that he spoke in honor of Jamey.

The Jamey Bumbalo.

"I want to thank Jack for the incredible workmanship on the Jamey, it is truly a work of art, and I know that Jamey was excited to learn that a group of his friends had banded together and purchased this canoe to be dedicated to him... It seems hard to believe that we were friends for almost 50 years, and that friendship began here at Camp Pathfinder. Jamey was a fiercely loyal friend."

"I think almost every staff person here on this dock today either was driven to, or picked up by Jamey. Think about that for a moment. Jamey logged more kilometers trucking campers and staff over the course of the summer than most of us drive over the course of a year...We as a Pathfinder community have sincerely lost a legend, and a man with Jamey's ability is so very hard to come by...For those of us who were fortunate to have met Jamey and to have had a friendship with him, I consider us all blessed. He was a good man, a great friend, and a lover of all things Pathfinder and Canada."

"Smile from above and follow your new canoe's travels throughout the Park and beyond. I think it's only fitting to shout out our camp cheer one last time, for Jamey Bumbalo."

...And cheer we did, loud and proud, echoing our cheer across Source Lake...

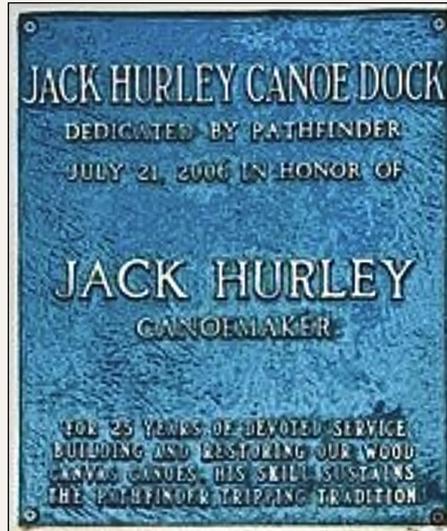
Needless to say, the dock that evening was filled with hugs, memories, and tears. As the beautiful Algonquin sky turned yellow and pink, each and every person on that dock put a canoe into the water for a memorial paddle around the Island. This was not what Jack had had in mind, he truly believed that just the 3 dedicated boats were going to be paddled. As I prepared to get in my boat, I spoke to Jack and he told me he was not expecting this, and it was one of the most memorable days of his life. As the last of us paddled north following the beautiful line of red cedar canvas canoes across sunset waters, Jack paddled with us, watching as all these beautiful boats, most of which he built and rebuilt, rounded the Island in tribute.



We have compiled a list of all of Jack's Pathfinder canoe builds Pathfinder now has 56 trip-worthy wood canvas canoes, most built or restored by Jack. And don't forget his helpers over recent years, Graham England and Charlotte Teklenberg.. These three boats are the final additions to this impressive list. Other canoe builders will take over from here. Thank you, Jack.



2006, Jack Hurley with Alex and Peg Hurley at the dedication of the Pathfinder Canoe Dock to Jack.



Jack Hurley Canoes

- 1 - The Chief
- 2 - Roy Thrall
- 3 - Bill "Swiftly" Swift
- 4 - Fred Lamke
- 5 - Amy Purdy
- 6 - Ralph Tichenor
- 7 - Tom Dodd
- 8 - Thora Greaves
- 9 - Tom Pigeon
- 10 - Frank, Jack & Phid Goodwin
- 11 - Claus Doench
- 12 - Sam & Lillian Hubbard
- 13 - Anderson Family
- 14 - 'Doc' Hurley
- 15 - Al & Helen Chestnut
- 16 - unnamed
- 17 - Norm & Margaret Roggow
- 19 - unnamed
- 21 - Lou Montgomery
- 22 - Stan Rand
- 23 - Nick Zona
- 24 - Mary Chestnut
- 25 - Else and Leighbody Family
- 27 - Bennett and Gray "The Founders"
- 29 - JB Leighbody
- 30 - Lance Kennedy
- 31 - Mac Rand
- 32 - Quin Anderson
- 33 - Gyro
- 37 - Bob 'Guide' Coakley
- 38 - Wendy 'Skinny' Swift
- 39 - unnamed
- 40 - Bob Roggow

The Bony Maroney
The Mary Hurley (18)
The Jamey Bumbalo (56)

Remembering Pathfinder People Passed ...

Sad to say, the past two seasons have seen the passing of a spate of important Pathfinder people, and while we don't make a habit of alumni obits, these notables require an exception, since the shock of them departing so closely one upon the other reminds us of their indelible impact on the place we cherish, and on so many campers and staff.

Noonway, one and all.

Jeff Miller

Jeff passed in 2021. A celebrated painter of Algonquin scenes, Jeff was an avid camper and tripper at Pathfinder in the 1940s. He fell in love with the Park region, chose art over business, and made his home and studio on Limberlost Road. A founding member of the Algonquin Wildlands League, he advocated for protection of the Park and against continued logging. Later, Jeff started his program Look,See,Paint, teaching people the rudiments of watercolor painting while encouraging them to tune into the beautiful complexity of this northern country. Camp used Look,See,Paint for many years and we still watercolor with campers and students today. Jeff's retirement years were spent in Orillia and Huntsville, and he continued plying his craft as painter and raconteur. On his death, his closest friends helped to secure several dozen of his paintings for auction to benefit the Huntsville arts, and spent the day at Pathfinder in October sharing stories and spreading Jeff's ashes.



Paul Hurley

Paul passed in June 2022, having seen sons, nephews and grandsons attend his beloved Pathfinder. His dad, the Buffalo obstetrician Dr. James Hurley, sent his three sons to Pathfinder in 1960. Paul, Peter and Jack all thrived at camp, each rising to the staff. But as Jack remembers, Paul's career was special because he had Type-1 Diabetes, which in those times meant a courageous decision by Chief Norton to welcome him, and a courageous Paul, because a Pathfinder session or canoe trip presented real risk of fatal Diabetic shock, and handling insulin in the field was a major challenge. His own self-care and the comraderie of his fellow campers and staff are a testament to Pathfinder fellowship. Paul enjoyed many canoe trips and became a Headman, infamous for gunwale bouncing his loaded trip canoe while singing the pop tune 'Bony Maroney'. A canvas trip canoe was made by his brother Jack while Paul was alive, donated and dedicated as the 'Bony Maroney' in his memory in 2022.



Jamey Bumbalo

Our steadfast trucker for years, Jamey passed late in 2021 after a battle with cancer. A teacher in Maine, Virginia, Florida and North Dakota, Jamey attended Pathfinder under Roy in the '70s and worked on the staff for Mac in the '80s. Both Glenn and Sladds were lucky to trip with Jamey back in the day. He was a dedicated alumni guest staffer for the past two decades with younger campers, and did most of camp's most epic trucks, including a storied solo truck for AAs along the full length of the Musselwhite Mine Road. Jamey insisted on trucking the boys in 2021 despite being very ill, also canoeing and kayaking avidly, reveling in his final weeks on Source Lake. Jack Hurley crafted the camp's Jamey Bumbalo canoe over last winter for dedication in 2022. Jamey's best friends donated the entire cost of the canoe the same day its building was announced.

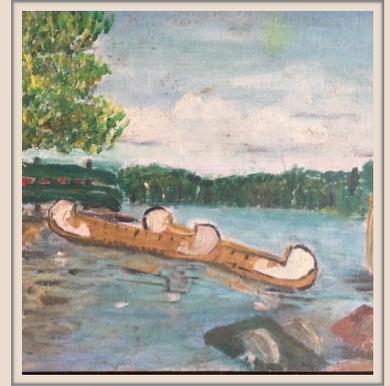


Remembering Pathfinder People Passed ...

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Wendy Swift

Wendy passed this year, having lived a long and extraordinary life. A first lady of Pathfinder Island, Wendy encouraged, partnered with and supported her husband Bill Swift, Sr. in purchasing his boyhood Camp Pathfinder. The Swifts owned camp from 1962 – 1975 along with first Frank Horton and later Roy Thrall. She raised small children on the island each summer, all of whom have gone on to creative, successful careers in the outdoors. Wendy painted wonderful scenes of camp life and Source Lake that adorn the camp today, or are cherished pieces in personal collections of family and alumni. She worked alongside all the staff at the family's business, Algonquin Outfitters, and was thrilled to see her sons grow this venture, and her grandchildren thrive at canoe camps in Algonquin and Temagami. She was an avid world traveler and an impressive distance swimmer. The Wendy Swift canoe was built and dedicated years ago during her lifetime, and racks up with Bill's canoe, the Swifty, at the dock each summer.



Tom Pigeon

Thomas Lorne Pigeon left us in 2022, well into his 80s, having been born, raised and educated within Algonquin Park. There will never be another like him. To say that Pigeon was a unique original hardly describes his persona, life events, or singular status with Pathfinder people. He is simply irreplaceable. Known in this era mostly as an Algonquin contractor, Pathfinder and Northway carpenter, and caretaker of Cache Lake cottages, Tom grew up on Cache with his parents and brother Jake during the heyday of the Grand Trunk Railway and Highland Inn. His mother Mary taught school in their home to Park kids, and was daughter of Tom McCormick, the chief ranger. His dad Lorne (who was literally a camboose cook for J.R. Booth) worked for Pathfinder, cutting ice and obtaining stove wood with Fred Lamke. Much like Pathfinder's famous caretaker Lamke, Tom was respected and emulated by boys and staff at Pathfinder, for his know-how, work ethic, humor and tripper's abilities. An ace at every sport, from fishing to hockey to snooker to gin rummy, Tom could build docks, soothe cranky outboards, renew roofs or foundations, all with rudimentary supplies and scant assistance. He joined with Mac, Glenn and Sladds in tackling numerous big renovations on the Island. It was a formative and memorable experience to work for him on a job. Lucky are the camp staff who can say they did so. Tom earned the Director's Award from the Friends of Algonquin, and his named canoe at Pathfinder is a popular trip boat. In fact, the form that makes all our canvas canoes was shaped directly from the Peterborough canoe he and Jake paddled to win the Cache Lake Guides Race nine times.



John Leighbody

JLay passed this autumn. He grew up in Buffalo as a neighbor and virtual brother of the Hurley boys. When Paul Hurley was injured and unable to work at camp in 1965, John was recommended and became one of the bright lights of Pathfinder, charismatic and upbeat with campers and staff alike. He began his working career as a classroom teacher, but switched to finance and developed his book of business in the Philadelphia area. He met and married Linda Else and brought her as a newlywed to work the camp summer in 1972, where she helped move women into more prominent staff roles for the future. Their daughter Mara became the waterfront director and son J.B. went from camper to Headman in his CPI run. The family donated a total of three canvas canoes to Pathfinder over many years. Campers like Sladds relished any canoe trips with JLay because there were always laughs no matter the work.



Final Banquet 2022, Speech by Headman Aidan Walters

Hey everyone, just a little bit of context before I begin. **I wrote this speech sitting on the cliffs of Eustache with my feet dangling over the edge.** There's something special about edges, up there you can see the changing wind and it feels like you're on the cusp of something. Of discovery. All learning happens of the edge. I hope I can bring a little bit of that feeling here tonight - that feeling of expectant wonder - that there is something to be discovered. Anyway, on to the speech.

Being here right now is wonderful. I mean, look around; out of the billions of people who've ever lived on Earth, it's remarkable that this specific group of individuals are together at this place at this time. Truly. Think about how many things had to happen for us to all be together. And though we could trace the causes back forever, the real interesting question is: why?

Let me start with a story. During first half this summer I got to take out a tour de park trip and spent some time on the infamous Nipissing River. The Nip is not all that bad, there's pretty grass, pretty alders and pretty lift-overs. Those who have done it will understand, and I hope everyone gets the chance to at some point. But the important part of the trip was that I got to take a trip of predominately rookie campers to a place that is mentally taxing. **I got to rediscover why camp is so special.** through the eyes of kids who didn't yet understand. I'll tell you what I noticed, firstly, everything took on a new semblance of wonder. They'd never seen a beaver or a moose before and both of those were awe-inspiring. River rapids held a confusing yet majestic power, and the smell of the flowers through Long Marsh were sweet and wonderful. For me, reliving this through their eyes brought me back to the first times I'd ever seen the natural beauty of Algonquin Park, that for some reason had been lost through my time at camp.

Next, I noticed how uncomfortable they were with uncertainties. I think I understand now why the tradition of not answering camper questions has stuck around so long: they break the flow of the trip, the flow of the story. You see, by telling everyone what time it is, what's for lunch and how long the next portage is, you remove them from the present moment, that present moment where they'll be able to enjoy the sight of a moose, the majesty of a rapid or the sweet smell of flowers.

Uncertainty is one of the components that make the canoe trip so special. It's much like reading a book. When you begin, you know that there will be a story with a beginning, an end and a premise, but you don't flip 20 pages ahead to see where the character will be, instead you engross yourself in the moment with that character and discover the story as they do. Knowing too much about a story ruins the point of telling it. If you're just looking forward to the next meal on trip, you're losing hours of precious time in between them. If you're thinking about the length of the next portage, then you're not enjoying the current paddle session. And with both, you're creating an unnecessary tension. The next portage being 3km long doesn't change the fact that you're going to walk it and it's going to be fine. Knowing when the next meal is isn't going to help you at all, it's just going to make the next hours more difficult as you anticipate. And so I guess I realized that there is no such thing as bad on a canoe trip, that 3km isn't bad, just hard. And in roughly an hour and a half, it'll be over and you won't remember how much it hurt to carry your pack or boat, not to mention that it probably wasn't all that bad in the first place. By setting expectations we are deciding whether things are good or bad and so I think by not setting them - ideally through not knowing - we can just do what is needed without making our experience unnecessarily difficult. And even further, those hard moments are what you're going to look back on and tell stories about, so how can they really be bad?

So really what I learned from these rookies was that no matter how many times you've seen alders stretching over a river, or the tall pines native to Algonquin, they're still just as magical. The only thing making them less so is your perception. They taught me to let go a little more, I don't need to always know the time or have a plan for the next few hours regarding food. I'll know when it's time to eat and I'll know when it's time to break. Those come naturally. They taught me that it's really just me deciding that portages will be difficult that makes them difficult. Most of all though, they helped me rediscover why canoe tripping has always been so special to me. It's special not for any reason other than it is a canoe trip. **It has a start, it has an end and it has a premise - we get to fill in the blanks if we can just let go a little and let the story grow around us.**

And so I want to leave you with a bit of a message today: Let go just a little more and trust that everything will turn out fine. It will. The right thing to do will always present itself in due time. There is no need to force it. You're part of a story and what a coincidence it is that we all get to be a part of the same one here at Pathfinder. Make sure it's a story worth retelling, because you're living it - and all your friends are too. Don't invest your attention in things that don't deserve it. Don't make your life harder than it needs to be by setting unnecessary expectations. They'll just leave you underwhelmed or overwhelmed, both of which are wholly avoidable.

Nothing needs to be good or bad, because it's going to just happen anyway. **And finally, never silence the child inside of you that thinks the world is exciting and wonderful, because it is.** That little part of you is right, the world is amazing, and it's amazing that you get to be a character in its story at this time, along with everyone else here whose blood bleeds Pathfinder red.



Camper Roster 2023

ENROLL HERE!

Our camper list so far -look at those sign ups!

**Early Birds, Veteran
Camper, New Camper**

A Session (July 1- July 13)

Ira Barkman	Ottawa ON
Paul Henry	Ottawa ON
Luc Henry	Ottawa ON
Gabe Rogers	Ottawa ON
Oliver Bazydlo	Toronto ON
Ryan Brennan	Shelburne VT
(A1) Stanley Miley	Marietta GA
Owen Smith	Toronto ON
Ian Frank	Rochester NY
Dylan Smith	Toronto ON
Samer Wehbe	Evanston IL
Daniel Filson	Toronto ON

B Session (July 13- July 25)

William Thompson	Ottawa ON
Jack Hannon	E. Aurora NY
Blake Hannon	E. Aurora NY
Gabe Dew	Baltimore ON
Milan Knezic	Toronto ON
Emilio Camargo	Bogota Columbia

1st Half (July 1- July 25)

Austin Silver	Toronto ON
Jacob Glick	Toronto ON
Oscar Barkman	Ottawa ON
Jacob Boucher	Toronto ON
Hugo Michielson	Igloolik Nunavut
Ty Wells	Chicago IL
Leif Wile	Toronto ON
Silas Zimmerman	Toronto ON
Connor Dew	Baltimore ON
Matt Jahnke	Orchard Park NY
James Parraga	Ottawa ON
Owen Stoddard	Berkeley CA
Sascha Lievano	Cornish NH
Joseph Caby	Paris FR
Garrett Mansouri	Allendale NJ
Luke Bratten	Allendale NJ
Colin McKay	East York ON
Jackson Scott	Toronto ON
Corwen Blair	Boston VA

C Session (July 27- Aug 8)

Andrew Westwood	Peterborough ON
Malcolm Westwood	Peterborough ON
Lucas Van Engen	Dundas ON
Milo Newby	Grimsby ON
Erez Doliner	York ON
Max Ludlow	Toronto ON
(C1)Malcolm McGraw	Ottawa ON
(C1)Briggs Ney	Whitby ON
(C1)Henry Chisholm	Belleville ON
Camden Tyler	North Easton MA
Callum Fitzgerald	Pittsburgh PA
Kellan McDermott	McLean VA
Rowan Fitzgerald	Pittsburgh PA
Condley Hurst	Lewiston NY
Colin Tripp	Pittsburgh PA
Anthony DeLuke	Lewiston NY
Luke Czernik	Ottawa ON
Benjamin DeLuke	Lewiston NY
Miro Nakamura	Toronto ON
Karl Stam Sattler	Scarborough ON
Henry Magi-McMaster	Ottawa ON

D Session (Aug 8 - Aug 20)

Arthur Nefsky	Toronto ON
Hudson Willers	Buffalo NY
Gil deLaplante	Cantley QC
Campbell Moldenhauer	E. Aurora NY
Edward James	Toronto ON
Ben Auerbach	Buffalo NY
Noah Walkling	North Bay ON
Zach Thompson	Clarence NY
Will Cooper	Aurora ON
Ray deLaplante	Cantley QC
Jacoby Nitsch	Etobicoke ON
Ben Moldenhauer	E. Aurora NY
Parker Tilbrook	Kingston ON
Mac Young Martin	Ottawa ON
Liam Duddy	Buffalo NY
Eamon Smith	Buffalo NY
Conor Smith	Buffalo NY
Ben Schramek	Toronto ON
Henry Walcott	Buffalo NY
Bobby Glidden	Buffalo NY
Franck Knopf	Boston MA
Miles Holt	Concord NH
Elliott Jago	London UK
Oliver Jago	London UK
Cam Herrema	Rochester NY
Liam Bryson	Brantford ON

2nd Half (July 27- Aug. 20)

Kenyon Anderson	South Wales NY
Jason Levy	Toronto ON
Ted McSweeney	Toronto ON
Max Spratt	Ottawa ON
Asher Dryden	Kanata ON
Jack Dorning	Toronto ON
Thomas Moldenhauer	E. Aurora NY
Connor Mitchell	Williamson NY
Marcus Hall	Toronto ON
Fraser Stiles	Arnprior ON
Nate Denton	Toronto ON
Peter Denton	Toronto ON
Jett D'Mello	Toronto ON
John Thompson	Mississauga ON
Jasper Clayton	Princeton NJ
Rainer Aubrecht	E. Aurora NY
Jory Guptill	Ottawa ON
Charlie Copans	Brooklyn NY
Alex Bundgard	London ON
Graeme MacKay White	Chicago IL
Bobby Arthurs	Buffalo NY
Fynn Merchant	Fayetteville NY
Thomas Georger	Amherst NY
Griffin Derrick	Orchard Park NY
Cameron Brown	Colden NY
Jackson Brown	Colden NY
Mathew Speirs	Norland ON
Mac Shanahan	Orchard Park NY
Gavin Ruggirello	Williamsville NY
John Bonk	Toronto ON
Evan Donnelly	Blue Bell PA
Liam Tripp	Pittsburgh PA

Full Season (July 1- Aug. 20)

Dylan Levy	Toronto ON
Ryan Levy	Toronto ON
Pat McSweeney	Toronto ON
Henry Spratt	Ottawa ON
Brendan Williams	Rochester NY
Ian Braukmann	Newmarket ON
Brad Burdzy	Milton ON
Malcolm Seifred	Toronto ON
Josh Guptill	Ottawa ON
Alistair MacKay White	Chicago IL
Will Clements	Windsor ON
Tucker Welt	Toronto ON
Indiana Abram	Tiny ON
Taz Dawson	London ON
Matt Knox	Shorewood WI
Ben Rooney	Brantford ON
Sam Mendola	Rochester NY
Myles Whitefield Scott	Dundas ON
Spencer Lenahan	Buffalo NY
Felix Shapiro	Princeton NJ
Gus Shapiro	Princeton NJ
Shane Whiteside	Rochester NY
Niam Bratch	Campbellville ON
Andrew Clements	Windsor ON
Will Clements	Windsor ON

Pathfinder 2023 Calendar

Current Dates for our 110th Season

Spring : May 1 - June 30

Mon. May 1 - Spring Crew Arrives

Mon. May 8 - Thu. May 11 - Strata Montessori School

Fri. May 12 - Tue. May 16 - World of Inquiry High School

Mon. May 22 - Fri. May 26 - Hamilton Wentworth Schools

Fri. May 26 - Tue. May 30 - Wilson / Franklin Outdoor Club

Thu. June 1 - Sun. June 4 - City Honors High School

Tue. June 6 - Wed. June 7 - Search & Rescue MNR Training Event

Mon. June 12 - Mon. June 19 - Wilderness First Responder Training

Tue. June 20 - Wed. June 21 - Wilderness Water Safety

Thu. June 22 - Sat. June 24 - Headman's Palmer Rapids Event

Sun. June 25 - Fri. June 30 - Staff Week



Summer : July 1 - August 20

July 1 - BIG MOMENT #1

July 1 - July 8 - A 1-Week Session

July 1 - July 13 - A Session

July 7 - July 10 - Family Camp #1

July 13 - July 25 - B Session

July 13 - A/B Changeover

July 25 - End of 1st Half

July 26 - CIT Palmer Rapids

July 27 - BIG MOMENT #2

July 27 - Aug. 3 - C 1-Week Session

July 27 - Aug. 8 - C Session

Aug. 3 - Aug. 6 - Family Camp #2

Aug. 8 - Aug. 20 - D Session

Aug. 8 - C/D Changeover

Aug. 20 - End of 2nd Half



Fall : August 22 - October 15

Tue. Aug. 22 - Thu. Aug. 24 - 110th Pathfinder Reunion

Fri. Aug. 25 - Sun. Aug. 27 - Wedding TBA

Fri. Sept. 1 - Mon. Sept. 4 - Buffalo Seminary 11th Grade

Tues. Sept. 5 - Fri. Sept. 8 - Nichols Middle School

Tue. Sept. 12 - Fri. Sept. 15 - Elmwood Franklin Middle School

Fri. Sept. 15 - Tue. Sept 19 - Strata Montessori School

Thu. Sept. 21 - Sun. Sept. 24 - Orchard Park Family Weekend

Tue. Sept. 26 - Sat. Sept. 30 - Allendale Columbia 7th Grade

Mon. Oct 2 - Fri. Oct 6 - Harley School

Fri. Oct. 6 - Sun. Oct. 8 - GLM Alumni Weekend

Sun. Oct. 15 - Close Camp / Last day of Fall



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1914 - 2023

Reunion 110th Season

Aug. 22 - 24

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July & August

4 Days / 3 Nights

Jul. 7 - 10 • Aug. 3 - 6

For the Whole Family
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OUR 110TH SEASON!

