

# VOYAGEUR TRIP

## Program Overview



1-WEEK PROGRAM			SKILL LEVEL	AGE	SEX
TRAIN	TRIP	DEBRIEF	BEGINNER	12-15	Male or Female
3 DAYS	3 DAYS	½ DAY			

Thank you for your interest in the Voyageur Canoe Trip, our tripping program for beginners.

Voyageur is an amazing opportunity for children ages 12-15 to first experience what canoe tripping is all about. Trips are separated by sex and operate as an extension of our Boys Camp and Girls Camp summer programs. The Voyageur program aligns with our other programs starting on Sunday afternoon and ending Saturday morning.

Each trip includes up to 12 boys or girls and is led by 2 or more qualified trip leaders. Tripping provides a unique opportunity for leaders to know each camper individually and to help them grow physically, mentally and spiritually. We recognize that many campers have little experience in tripping and so we spend up to three days providing all the basic skills necessary to make their first trip a success.

Our hope is that over the course of the programs campers will grow in their outdoor skills, have fun and learn more about God.



### SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Voyageur provides an amazing opportunity for youth to learn and develop new skills necessary for outdoor tripping.

1. Building Fires
2. Setting up Tents
3. Trip Packing
4. Utilizing Camp Stoves
5. Canoeing
  - o Paddling / Steering
  - o Portaging
  - o Emergency Procedures



### OUTDOOR FUN

We make the process of preparing and going on the trip a blast! Integration with core programs allows for a variety of new experiences.

1. Wide Games
2. Camper Activity Choices
3. Special Day Program
4. Campfires
5. Skits & Songs



### PERSONAL GROWTH

As a Christian camp we work to hire godly leaders who help stretch campers both personally and in their understanding of Jesus.

1. Taking Initiative
2. Bible Studies
3. Team Building Activities
4. Group Prayer
5. Worship

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## Trip Outline



The Voyageur trips begins with preparation. Campers spend three days on property where they learn the essential skills for outdoor tripping. After packing their gear the group heads out on Tuesday morning. Below you will see a simplified map that outlines the step-by-step journey Voyageur campers will participate in as part of the program.

### WEDNESDAY

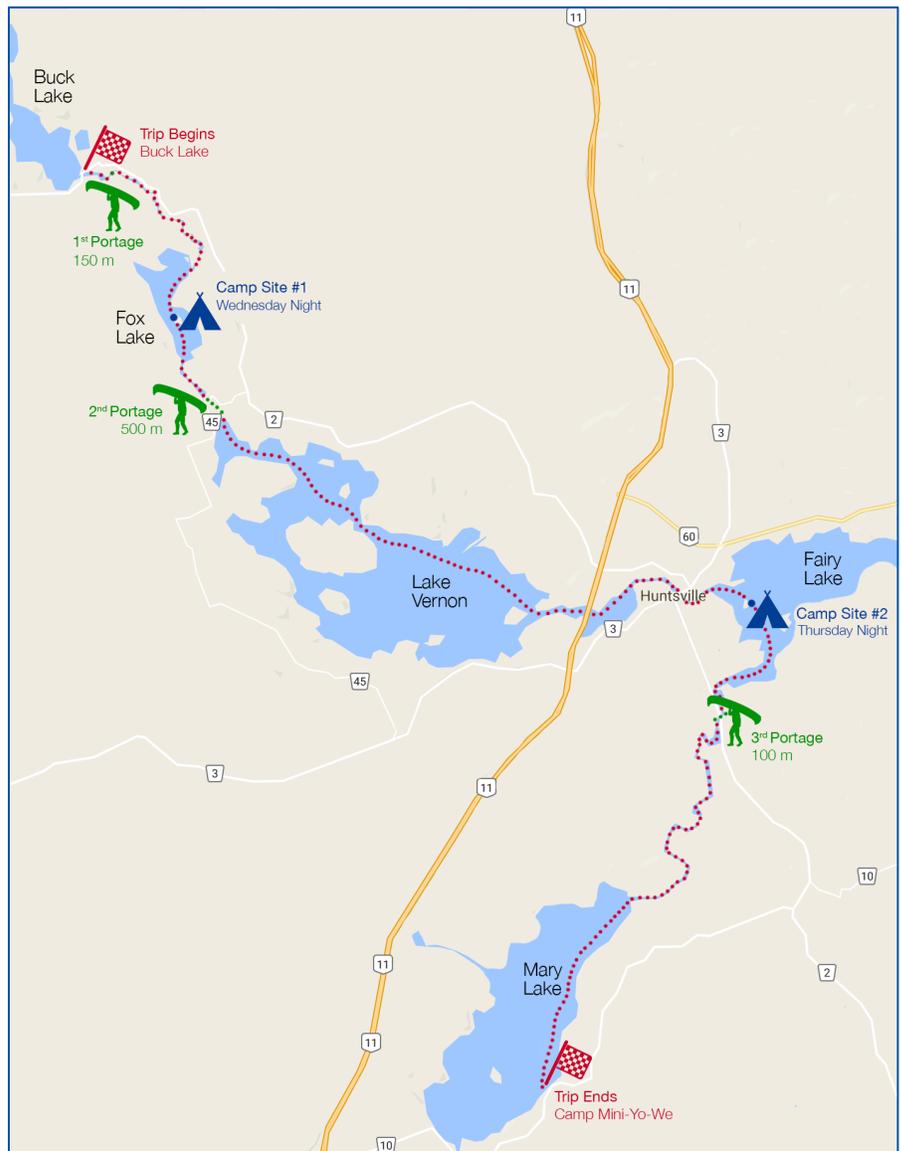
- 9:00 AM** Final Packing
- 10:00 AM** Driving to Buck Lake
- 11:30 AM** Leaving Buck Lake
- 1:00 PM** Lunch on the Lake
- 3:00 PM** Arrive at Campsite #1
- 4:00 PM** Setting up the site
- 6:00 PM** Dinner
- 7:30 PM** Campfire

### THURSDAY

- 7:00 AM** Breakfast
- 8:00 AM** Clean Up Site
- 9:00 AM** Leaving Campsite #1
- 1:00 PM** Lunch on the Lake
- 3:00 PM** Arrive in Huntsville
- 4:30 PM** Arrive at Campsite #2
- 6:00 PM** Dinner
- 7:30 PM** Campfire

### FRIDAY

- 7:00 AM** Breakfast
- 8:00 AM** Clean Up Site
- 9:00 PM** Leaving Campsite #2
- 1:00 PM** Arrive at Camp Mini-Yo-We





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## Packing List



When packing, please remember that Voyageur campers will spend time both on Camp property and on the trip. Please read carefully to ensure you have the necessary clothing and gear for each portion of the camper's time at Camp.

### FOR THE CANOE TRIP

#### TRIP CLOTHING

- Shorts (1)
- Pants (1)
- Underwear (3)
- T-Shirts (2)
- Long-Sleeve Shirt (1)
- Socks (2)
- Bathing Suit (1)

*No bikinis for girls. Please pack a one-piece or tankini.*

#### TRIP GEAR

- Toiletries
  - Toothbrush
  - Toothpaste
  - Deodorant
- Rain Coat (1)
- Rain Pants (1)
- Hat (1)
- Running Shoes (1-2)
- Compact Sleeping Bag

#### A NOTE ABOUT SHOES!

There are a lot of options but please ensure they can get wet, dry quickly and provide good ankle support and traction. Feel free to bring a second pair of closed-toe sandals or shoes for while they on the campsite.

### ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR AT CAMP

#### CAMP CLOTHING

- Extra Shorts
- Extra Underwear
- Extra T-Shirts
- Extra Socks
- Pajamas
- Clothes  
*(for messy camp activities)*
- Plastic Bag  
*(to bring home wet clothes)*
- Laundry Bag
- 1 Pair of Sandals

#### CAMP GEAR

- Additional Toiletries (soap, shampoo, etc.)
- Hairbrush
- Flashlight
- Insect Repellent
- Sunscreen
- Bible (if you have one)

#### OPTIONAL GEAR

- Camera
- Sunglasses
- Writing Paper / Pen

#### WOOL IS BEST!

We recommend that your socks and sweaters be wool (or synthetic fibers) but not cotton. These materials dry quickly and have air pockets between fibers to insulate you.



#### DO NOT BRING

- ✗ Cell Phones
- ✗ iPods, MP3 Players, etc.
- ✗ Jewelry & Valuables
- ✗ Weapons (ex. Knives)
- ✗ Alcohol, Lighters, Matches, etc.

#### CELL PHONE POLICY

Camper's are not permitted to bring cell phones with them. If brought, phones will be taken and kept with the director for the duration of the session and returned to the parents upon pick-up.

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## Program FAQ

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### **Q. What steps do you take to ensure campers remain safe on the trip?**

At Camp Mini-Yo-We our first priority is the safety of our campers. There are a number of steps we take to ensure the highest level of safety on all trips.

First, we require that each trip have a minimum of two leaders. At least one leader is required to have their NLS lifeguarding qualifications and standard first aid. In the case of an emergency this leader ensures campers receive proper treatment. Each trip carries a wilderness first aid kit as well.

Second, we choose a route perfect for beginner campers. From beginning to end there are cottages scattered across the shoreline so phones and access to the road are always near by. Trip leaders also carry cellphones and a GPS device called SPOT that tracks their progress relaying it to our tripping director on main property. Leaders have the ability to use SPOT to signal the tripping director in the event of a serious emergency.

### **Q. Does Camp offer any other canoe tripping programs after Voyageur?**

Yes! Our Northwoods Canoe Trip is our advanced co-ed program for youth ages 14-17. The trip itself is 9 days long and takes place in Northern Ontario, typically in the Temagami region. Northwoods builds on much of the skills in the Voyageur program and is the natural next step for tripping enthusiasts.

### **Q. Am I able to contact my child during the trip?**

Unfortunately the only contact during the trip is from the trip leaders back to the tripping director through our SPOT devices. Although we bring cellphones for emergencies they are not used for communication back to Camp for other communications.

Any mail and/or packages will be at camp awaiting your return. It always feels great to hear from a loved one upon arrival back at camp after a long trip!

### **Q. What do campers use for drinking water?**

All our trips carry multiple filter pumps or gravity filters both of which take regular lake water and remove water-borne bacteria. It's camp policy to ensure that all trip leaders and trip participants treat water prior to drinking it.

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### **Q. What are some typical meals that campers eat during the trip?**

The tripping director works hard to ensure that meal plan for the trip is selected according to a healthy balanced diet. We recognize that canoe trips are physically exertive and we pack accordingly to keep everyone well fed.

An average breakfast could be oranges, eggs, bacon and rye bread with jam & margarine along with hot chocolate or tea. For lunch we may have pita with cheese along with apples, cucumber, and oatmeal cookies. Dinner is typically a meal that requires more preparation such as chicken legs with rice mixed with onions, raisins, and broccoli. We often end the day with an around-the-fire snack such as marshmallows or S'Mores.

### **Q. What kind of wildlife can be seen while on the trip?**

There is always the increased chance of seeing wildlife when on an out trip. In the past our trip leaders have sighted deer, beavers, turtles, frogs and snakes while on the trip. The route also passes a number of farms allowing campers to see cows and horses on the shore.



#### **MORE QUESTIONS?**

If you have any other questions about the Voyageur Trip please don't hesitate to contact us. We'd love to chat!

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