

**YMCA Camp Hi-Rock BOLD & GOLD**  
**Canoe Expedition Packing List**



**SAFETY:** You will be living outside, so having the right clothing is important for your comfort and safety. There could be rain, hot sun, or strong winds on your course. Our clothing list reflects the importance of the “layering” principle. Dressing in several light layers rather than one heavy layer allows you more flexibility as the weather and workloads change. Please review this checklist carefully and make sure you have all the required items. There is very limited space in the vans and in your backpacks, so please bring only what is on this list.

**SAVING MONEY:** You do not need to buy all the gear at camping stores or specialty stores. You can find many of these items at a discount outdoor store or at thrift stores such as Goodwill. YMCA Camp Hi-Rock has limited quantities of most of the following gear to loan for personal use at no additional fee. If you don’t have something, note it on the Gear Rental/Clothing Loan Form that will be sent out to all families.

**GROUP GEAR:** BOLD/GOLD will provide all of the following group gear

Tents	Dry Bags (for packing)	Reference Books	Maps
All Food	Compasses	Cooking Stoves	Water Jugs
First Aid Kits	Water Purification System	Repair Kits	Safety Equipment

**GEAR CHECK:** We will check your gear before we depart to make sure you have everything you need and nothing you do not. We may ask you to leave something behind to be stored at camp if we think it will be unnecessary or inappropriate.

**ALCOHOL/DRUGS/CIGARETTES:** No alcohol, drugs, or cigarettes are allowed during any time of our course. If such items are found in a student’s possession, it will be grounds for expulsion and immediate evacuation from the course at the family’s expense.

**Why NO COTTON?** Cotton is not a good fabric for the outdoors because it will not keep you warm when it gets wet and it takes a very long time to dry. Also, avoid any blends with cotton. PLEASE CHECK YOUR TAGS! Wool, fleece (aka pile), capilene, and polypropylene (100% polyester) are good fabrics for the outdoors!

Please feel free to contact us with any questions you might have regarding gear!

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REQUIRED TRIP ITEMS			
Item	Quantity	Comments	✓
Sun Hat	1	Baseball cap or wide-brim hat work well.	
Warm Sweater or Fleece Jacket	1	Should be polyester, fleece, or wool.	
Hooded Rain Jacket	1	1 Hooded Rain Jacket: <b>100% waterproof, not water resistant!</b>	
Rain Pants	1	1 Pair Rain Pants: 100% <b>waterproof, not water resistant!</b> Coated nylon or waterproof/breathable fabric.	
Short-Sleeve Shirts	2	2 Short-Sleeve T-Shirts: Synthetic (aka any athletic material!	
Warm, Long Pants	1	Synthetic material such as fleece or wool are best.	
Shorts	2	Nylon athletic or running shorts work great.	
Underwear	2-4		
Tall Socks	2	Wool or synthetic.	
Swimwear	1		
Pack Towel	1	Not your typical beach towel, something that dries quickly and packs down small.	
Sturdy Shoes	1	Boots, sneakers, etc. for portaging purposes.	
Camp/Canoeing Shoes	1	Sandals with some sort of backstrap to keep them attached (open toed shoes such as Texas/Chacos are acceptable).	
Toiletry Kit	1	Includes: Toothbrush, toothpaste.	
Prescription Eyewear if Necessary	N/A	Don't forget your case and saline/cleaning solution.	
Personal hygiene products such as Tampons or Pads	N/A		
Synthetic Sleeping Bag with Stuff Sack	1	Should be rated to +25° or warmer.	
Sleeping Pad	1	A three-quarter or full-length open or closed-cell foam pad.	
Headlamp or Small Flashlight	1	Don't forget extra batteries!	

Water Bottles	2	Durable plastic or light-weight metal, at least a quart or liter each (Nalgene-type).	
At-Camp Clothes	2-3	You will have some days on-site at Hi-Rock, so feel free to pack a small bag that can be left at camp with clean clothes for when you return!	
OPTIONAL TRIP ITEMS			
Camera	1	Waterproof disposables work great!	
Watch	1	Recommended to be water resistant	
Journal & Writing Utensils	1	N/A	
Bandanna	1-2	A great alternative to a hat some days!	
Book	1		
Sunglasses	1	We recommend having a neck strap as well!	

**PLEASE DO NOT BRING:**

- Cell Phones, music players, or other electronic devices
- Pocket-knives, hatchets, or other sharps
- Lighters
- Jewelry or other valuables
- Make-up or perfume

**Looking for ideas on where to purchase gear?** There are a lot of options available which can be hard to sort through! As we mentioned above, buying used gear from places like Goodwill is a great place to start. Also consider:

- Looking at sites such as:
  - [REI Garage Sale](#), [Steep & Cheap](#), [The Clymb](#), and [Sierra Trading Post](#) to find discounted prices on brands with good reputations.
- Typically, clothing is labeled and distinguished by genders, but consider moving outside of those labels while purchasing clothing and gear for your trip. Products labeled 'women's' often have fewer styles available, often of lower quality, and aim to be fitted to the body. Products labeled 'men's' often have more styles that are technically focused, and easier to fit layers under. No matter your gender, shop through departments for a more well rounded idea of what's available to you.
- If you want more options, look through reviews at:
  - [Outside Magazine Online](#)
  - [Backpacker Magazine Online](#)
  - [Outdoor Gear Lab](#)

to get some great independent advice on what and how to buy gear! These sites use this stuff in the field to determine how it really works. This is especially recommended for gear such as **Hiking Packs and Shoes (both sandals and boots)** as they can help you find a personalized fit.

## Sample Canoe Expedition Itinerary\*\*

### Sunday:

Traveling to: Camp!

We're so excited to have you all arrive here today! Check-in is from 11:30-2:30, but we've been operating on a split schedule so that the driveway doesn't get too wild, and BOLD & GOLD is part of the 1:30-2:30 dropoff! When you get to camp we'll settle in, meet your trip leaders and get ready to play the day away!

### Monday

Traveling to: Burnap's Island Campsite

We're going to be loading up the vans with your bags **right after breakfast at 9:00AM**. We are starting at camp today and taking some time to learn about the different canoeing techniques that will come in handy on this trip. After that **we'll be jumping in the vans at 10:30 AM** and taking the 3.5 hour drive to Blood's Brook Boat Launch in West Lebanon, New Hampshire to start. Lunch is pack lunches that we'll be taking in the van.

It's about a two mile paddle to Burnap's Island Campsite, which is where you'll be staying for the night!

### Tuesday

Traveling to Burnham Meadow Campsite

You'll be packing up camp and hitting the river for a casual 6 mile paddle to the Burnham Meadow Campsite tonight. Don't worry about the distance though, paddle miles are so much faster than walking miles!

### Wednesday

Traveling to: Wilgus State Park

After a relaxing time at the Burnham Meadow Campsite you'll be cruising 9 miles down the river to civilization - it's time to stay at Wilgus State Park!

### Thursday

Traveling to: Hubbard Island Campsite

Say goodbye to any friends you might have made at the park, it's time to make your way on downriver to your final campsite for the night at Hubbard Island. How cool is it to be staying on not just one, but two islands this week? This is a 4 mile paddle day, so take your time to relax and enjoy the views!

### Friday

Traveling to: Camp!!!

You've basically made it, can you believe it's been almost a full week already?? We can't wait to see you back at camp tonight! Before we can hear all about your epic adventure you'll have to paddle a final 8 miles to Hoyt's Landing in Springfield, VT.

From there we'll pick you up and take the 2.5 hour drive back to home sweet home at Camp Hi-Rock for the night!

**Saturday**

Traveling to: Home

It's been so great to have you for the week with us, we'll miss you so much when you're gone! Pickup today is from 9:30-10:30AM - you'll go to share all of your adventures with your people and tell them about everything you learned!

We can't wait to see you back here next summer (We're already counting down the days!!)

**\*\*This is an example of what the canoe itinerary may look like, but is not set in stone. Weather and other factors may create a need to change the itinerary from trip to trip.**