



Welcome to Winter Camping!



If you're curious about winter camping, and want someone to learn alongside with, then this trip is for you! Together, we'll challenge ourselves to step beyond our comfort zones, try new things, and dig deep into the adventure of life. With an experienced guide to lead the way, and a supportive community around you, this is one of the best ways to embark on a winter camping adventure.

On the first day of the trip, we have time for everyone to get to know each other, to discuss expectations for the week, and to make sure that everyone has what they need to be prepared. We'll spend our first night 'practice camping' nearby to make sure your sleep system works before getting out into the wilderness. The rest of the week is spent exploring the Boundary Waters, digging deep into life, and making memories that will last a lifetime.

Frequently Asked Questions about the trip:

What are the bathroom facilities like?

Campsites have pit toilets that are often referred to as "Ranger Boxes". They are down a path and out of view of the campsite. It's like sitting on a toilet seat without any walls. It might be a little weird your first time, but once you get used to it, the view is quite nice!

Is it really possible to stay warm enough?

Yes! It really is! If you wear enough layers (and GOOD layers!) you might actually find yourself trying to figure out how to stay cool enough!



Winter Camping Packing List

Packing Guidelines:

- **AVOID COTTON!!!**
 - Cotton takes a long to dry, and keeps you cold while wet
 - Instead, choose synthetic or wool items, which can keep you warm while wet
- **Pack Minimally but Smartly** You have to carry what you bring!
 - Think comfort, function, & necessity. Don't worry about fashion or brand names, just the guidelines below.
 - Bring layers that can be worn together. For example, make sure that one of your hats can be worn underneath your other hat. Make sure that you outermost layer (your winter coat or waterproof shell) fits over multiple layers of sweaters & pants.

Required Items:

- Sleeping Bag, rated to at least 0°F (or two sleeping bags each rated to at least 35°F)
- Sleeping pad, full-length, rated to R4 (or two pads each rated to R2)
- Warm, waterproof boots that are large enough to be worn over two pairs of socks.
- Prescription medications must be brought in original pharmacy bottles with dosage and expiration date clearly listed. A pill organizer may be brought in addition to the bottles.

Highly Recommended Items:

- 1 long-sleeved base layer shirt
- 1 light-weight sweater
- 2 or 3 warm sweaters or fleeces * (Wool or Synthetic only. No cotton sweatshirts!)
- 1 pair long underwear pants
- 1 pair warm pants, fleece or similar. No denim, khaki, or cotton!!
- 2 or 3 pairs warm/wool socks
- 2 warm stocking hats that can be worn together
- A quilted/down/puffy, insulating layer for both top & bottom
- Water proof shell for both top and bottom
- 2 pairs mittens, one of them waterproof (gloves are worthless!)
- A scarf or neck gaitor
- Water bottle (32 oz. with screw-on top) *
- Travel mug, leak-proof/fully sealable
- Headlamp with extra batteries
- Personal hygiene items (toothbrush, contact solution, feminine hygiene products, etc.)

EITHER...waterproof snowpants & winter coat
OR down jacket & down pants with rain jacket & rain pants to go over them

Optional Items:

- Sunglasses or ski goggles. Snow glare is real!
- Card game, journal, or book to read (wrapped in plastic!)
- Camera (wrapped in plastic!) *
- Snow shoes

* We have loaners of starred items available.

For use in-base, or before/after the trip

- Clean clothes for the car ride home
- Toiletries to shower at camp after the trip
- Money for the camp store (t-shirts, water bottles, stickers, etc.)

What NOT to bring to camp

- Precious Items, Clothes, or Anything you don't want to get lost or wet! Amnicon is not responsible for any personal property that is lost, damaged, or stolen both at Amnicon and while on the trip. This includes vehicles used to transport campers to Amnicon.
- Glass containers
- Fireworks, alcohol, illegal substances, or weapons. Any individual in possession of or using alcohol, illegal substances, or misusing drugs will be asked to leave the trip and Amnicon. Amnicon reserves the right to search personal possessions for alcohol, drugs, and weapons.
- Pets or sporting equipment

Packing Questions?

We want to make sure that you have the most successful trip possible! If you have any questions about what to bring or need recommendations, please feel free to contact us.

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