

FALL & SPRING SEASON CLOTHING LIST YMCA Camp Widjiwagan

This is a list designed to help you understand what clothing is needed to be comfortable in the fall/spring weather of northern Minnesota. While staying at Widji, you'll spend the majority of the time outside. We want to keep you comfortable and happy.

When preparing for the outdoors there is no substitute for good clothing. The goal is simple: keep the body at its normal temperature, neither too cool nor too warm. The importance of keeping the body warm is obvious, but the danger of being too warm (and thus perspiring) is a concern often overlooked.

In order to maintain normal body temperature through a wide range of activity levels, there are three key principles:

1. Wear several **LAYERS OF CLOTHING** rather than one thick layer. With layers you can adjust to temperature changes by putting on or taking off one layer at time.
2. Wear **GOOD RAINGEAR** that will keep your entire body dry (from head to toe) when the weather is damp. Wet clothing makes it more difficult for your body to stay warm.
3. Wear clothing that is **WARM EVEN WHEN IT'S WET**. Wool or synthetics are best since they pull the moisture away from the skin. **AVOID** cotton if possible since it loses its insulating value once it gets wet.

Please keep the following ideas in mind as you get organized:

*It is not necessary to purchase new clothing or equipment since the north woods are a great place to use older, durable items which can get a bit dirty.

*Label all clothing and equipment just in case you misplace anything. If it is labeled, we can track you down and return it!

Please Note:

Widjiwagan's trading post has shirts, sweatshirts, hats and water bottles for sale. Prices range from \$10-\$45.

Fall/Spring Season Clothing List

Personal Items

Water bottle, towel, camera, sturdy **BACKPACK (for carrying extra layers)**, notebook or journal, pencil and pen, chapstick, underwear, skin lotion, toothbrush and paste, other toiletries, flashlight, books and sunglasses.

Head & Hands

Wool or Fleece Hat- which covers the ears and forehead

Brimmed Hat- to keep the sun and rain off your face

Mittens- two pairs since they may get wet

Upper Body

Long-underwear top- wool or synthetic

Sweater- two which can be worn together, if possible

Rain Jacket- should fit over all layers, rain jackets work better than ponchos

Warm Jacket- which fits over everything

T-shirts- for indoor use

Sweatshirt- for indoor use

Lower Body

Long-underwear- wool or synthetic

Rain pants- should fit over layers, keeps your insulating layers dry

Swimsuit- for taking to the sauna

Wool or synthetic pants- to layer over long-underwear

Jeans and/or sweat pants- for indoor use

Feet

WOOL Socks- 4 pairs at least 50% wool

Hiking/Rubberized boots- should be large enough to allow two pairs of socks, will get wet when hiking

Tennis Shoes- for indoor use

Sleeping

Sleeping Bag- for use in heated cabins

Pillow- to keep yourself comfortable

