

# The Camp Store

## Pathfinding

In order to better equip our campers, Colvig Silver Camps offers a small store stocked with essential and personal items for purchase. We sell most of our items at a less expensive rate than you would find in retail stores. Some items from the store may be ordered in advance, while others may be bought throughout the summer.

Attached, you will find a Personal Expense Deposit (PED) Form. This form is used to pre-order items and to keep track of items that campers purchase while at camp. **It is essential that we receive the PED form several weeks before camp begins so that we will have adequate supplies on hand and to alleviate any ordering problems.** There are several sections of the PED form. Please read the descriptions below in order to familiarize yourself with the items sold and the form.

All of the equipment used for trips (including fleece and long underwear) will be distributed to the campers before they depart on their first expedition. CSC clothing and miscellaneous items will be distributed at the end of each term.

### 1. REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

Each Pathfinder will need all of the “required items” for their expedition. It is not essential to order these items from us, but it is important to be sure that items you purchase elsewhere are of good quality.

- **Two water bottles** – sturdy water bottles with twist tops that will not leak when packed in a backpack, Nalgene are recommended.
- **Cookware** – we offer a 24 oz. Mug and a 4 cup Rubbermaid bowl. Pathfinders must have these, plus a sturdy set of utensils.
- **Compression Straps** – multi-purpose when packing a backpack. Typically needed to attach the sleeping bag to the pack. Two pairs are required.
- **Bandanas** – three or four are recommended. Again, multi-purpose for backpacking, but typically used for cleaning.
- **Laundry Bag** – used to collect laundry for transport back and forth from camp.
- **Sleeping Pad** – there are many styles available. We sell ½” thick foam pads that are functional and inexpensive, but should not be expected to last much longer than a few summers.
- **Large Stuff Sack** – at least one is recommended. Nylon sack with drawstring. Used to organize food and clothes within a backpack (new and rental sleeping bags include stuff sack).
- **Backpack Rain Cover** – treated nylon cover with a drawstring that fits most any pack. Essential for keeping gear dry.
- **Rain Gear** – we offer a treated nylon poncho in a variety of sizes, but we recommend a Gore-tex product for Pathfinders.
- **Light** – we suggest a headlamp. We offer the Black Diamond Gizmo that takes AAA batteries (included) and lasts around 160 hours. Flashlights are available as an alternative.

### 2. REQUIRED CLOTHING

Non-cotton clothing designed to wick moisture away from the body helps keep campers warm and comfortable in a moist environment. These items are ordered in bulk, in a variety of sizes and colors. Color and size preferences will be taken when distributed.

- **Fleece** – mid-weight (200), not too light, and not too heavy. These items are excellent for layering. Jackets and vests feature front zippers and two pockets. Pants feature a drawstring and two pockets. All items are solid color.
- **Polypropylene or Capilene Long Sleeve Top & Bottom** – we usually sell a two layer long underwear made of a blend of synthetic materials (i.e. polypropylene, wool) designed to draw moisture away from the skin and provide warmth even when wet. Typical blends are 100% polypro and 80% polyester and 20% wool.
- **Wool/Synthetic Socks** – keep feet warm and dry even when wet. The socks we provide are a blend of 85% Wool and 15% Nylon. These can be worn with or without “liner” socks, although we would suggest using “liners” as well.
- **Wool/Synthetic Gloves** – keep hands warm and dry even when wet. The gloves we provide are a blend of 85% wool and 15% nylon with grip palms.
- **Knit cap**—essential for keeping warm in the outdoors. Our caps come embroidered with the CSC logo.

### 3. OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

These items are offered as a service to you, but are not essential.

- **Disposable Camera** – Kodak Funsaver: 27 exposures with flash.
- **Compass w/ rotating bezel** – as an alternative to the simple, beginner compass sold in the store, we offer Pathfinders a more advanced compass with a see-through sighting mirror, luminated bezel, and adjustable declination suitable for any expedition they will ever take.
- **Swiss Army Knife** – the Wenger Apprentice model features the Wenger Apprentice model a large blade, a screwdriver, a can opener, and a nail file.
- **Gaiters** – treated nylon designed to cover the top of the boot and the calf to keep snow, mud, and dirt out while hiking (some Pathfinders use and recommend these, but they are not essential).
- **Ditty Bag** – small nylon sack with drawstring. Great for organizing gear in a backpack.
- **Stuff Sack** – nylon sacks with drawstrings offered in a variety of sizes. Used to stuff sleeping bags or to organize gear in a back pack (new and rental sleeping bags include stuff sack)

### 4. CSC CLOTHING/MISCELLANEOUS

Give your child a memory of camp throughout the year. All items feature a CSC logo. Please be aware that these items will not be distributed until the end of the term. Color and size preferences will be taken then.

### 5 & 6. SLEEPING BAGS

You may also use the PED form to either rent a sleeping bag from CSC or purchase a new one from us. All of our bags (both rental and for purchase) are high quality mummy-style sleeping bags rated to 0° F. You would be hard-pressed to find comparable bags at a more inexpensive price. Please be aware that we **do not recommend** down sleeping bags because they **will not** keep your camper warm if wet. **We recommend synthetic filled bags** simply because they will still keep your camper warm if they do get wet. If you plan on renting or buying a sleeping bag, please return this form at least 2 weeks prior to camp so that we may plan accordingly.

### 7. RENTAL BACKPACKS

CSC offers Pathfinders high quality, large, internal frame backpacks for rent. They feature all of the pockets and options a Pathfinder will need. Quantities are limited, so please return your PED early if you plan to rent a pack from us.