



## Indigenous Campership Award

### ABOUT CAMP PATHFINDER

Located in unceded Algonquin territory at the headwaters of the Madawaska River, Camp Pathfinder was established on Source Lake in 1914 by Rochester educators Franklin Gray and William Bennett. Pathfinder has been in continuous operation ever since. Past owners Herman Norton, William Swift, Roy Thrall, and Mac Rand were all Camp Pathfinder men who advanced their camp significantly during their tenures. The current owners are alumni Glenn Arthurs and Mike Sladden, who have continued to steward the camp on Pathfinder Island as a simple, technology-free outpost, a unique community in the heart of wild, world-famous Algonquin Provincial Park, from which Pathfinder trippers explore the back country throughout Ontario and Quebec.

Young people come to Pathfinder for experiences that last a lifetime. Primarily a summer canoe tripping camp for boys, Pathfinder has become well known for its wilderness tripping and staff leadership programs. The camp also serves as an outdoor education destination for schools and family groups from the northeast.

#### Pathfinder's Mission

- Provide healthful, rewarding, maturing summer experiences;
- Nurture boys' ability and enjoyment of lifelong outdoor sports;
- Empower boys to challenge and extend their limits;
- Foster a lifelong personal connection to the natural world;
- Instill in boys' character, self-reliance, teamwork, comradeship, and respect;
- Prepare young men for leadership roles in the outdoors, and for the leadership roles of adult life.



## **Smart Traditions for Today**

Positive adventures and goals fill a boy's active Pathfinder day. Signature Pathfinder trips are the heart of a rich camp program, exploring Algonquin and beyond in traditional wood-canvas canoes. A full in-camp program features swimming, paddle sports, athletics, ropes, north woods skills, and more. A homegrown guide staff provides personal attention with a 1:2 counselor-camper ratio. And each day, Pathfinder traditions are shared between everyone in this special community, through shared games, presentations and camp traditions.

### ***Pathfinder Land Acknowledgement***

*We acknowledge here today that Pathfinder is at the headwaters of the Madawaska River, traditional and unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabeg, who are the original inhabitants and stewards of this land. Today, this land remains home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island.*

*To join with these First Peoples in calling this place our home, we resolve to treat the land, plants, animals, stories and first peoples with honor and respect. We are grateful for the opportunity to live and grow within this beautiful territory.*

*Pathfinder honors the Indigenous peoples who have inhabited the lands we live in and travel since time immemorial. We recognize the contributions and importance of Indigenous peoples, and we are committed to make real the promise of Truth and Reconciliation in our Pathfinder community.*

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