

BASE STAFF - PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

As a staff member, your personal equipment sets the example. The participants will look to you as the expert. It is essential that you keep your gear clean and in good repair. Interpreters, especially, will be “living out of a pack” for most of the summer. Okpik staff should use the personal equipment list found in the Okpik Participant Handbook.

For All Staff

- Complete and official BSA Uniform, Uniform of your country’s Scouting program, and/or Northern Tier Staff Activity Uniform - Northern Tier will provide a complete Northern Tier Uniform for wear on base. Additional parts and pieces are available for purchase. You must wear either a complete Northern Tier Uniform OR a complete Boy Scout Uniform at all times when not on trail.
- Work boots or sturdy shoes (with socks).
- Work clothes that can be used for painting or other “messy” jobs that would stain or ruin your uniform or off duty clothes
- Clothing for time off (non-work clothes) - street clothes, remember you will be seen on base with these clothes on so make sure they are Scout Appropriate.
- Toilet kit w/ toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, small towel, wash cloth, comb or brush, small metal mirror
- Sturdy rain gear, preferably a rain jacket (NOT A PONCHO)
- Letter writing materials, (paper, envelopes, stamps, pens)
- Clothes hangers for uniforms and other clothes
- If you wear glasses or contact lenses, you should bring an extra pair.
- Summer or compact 3-season sleeping bag or sheets and blankets- You will not need a sleeping bag if you are not going on trail - so keep that in mind while packing, sheets and blankets to fit a twin size bed will be adequate. All base staff will have the opportunity to go on a short trip, so you may want to pack a sleeping bag for that.
- Pillow
- Water bottle
- Toiletries Bag - something to carry your shower needs to and from the shower building
- Toiletries - shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, towel, washcloth
- Laundry Soap and bag to move laundry
- Passport! You cannot travel into Canada without it!

Optional:

- A few books, musical instrument, and other personal items
- Camera and waterproof carrying case
- Binoculars
- Personal sewing kit
- Voyageur style clothing (optional).
- Fishing rod, reel, and tackle
- Personal filet knife and good sharpening equipment
- Sunglasses
- Consider your technology needs and plan accordingly with wired and wireless charging devices
- Things that might help on days off: Hammock, sports stuff(basketball, frisbee, ball and glove), books
- Earplugs (if you are a light sleeper)
- Base staff might want to consider a trunk or locked box for storage of personal gear in their cabins.

Many items available at
www.northerntiertradingpost.org.

Staff will be given 25% off and free shipping for purchases made online before arrival use code:

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Trail Clothes - only needed if you plan to join a trip during training.

- One pair long pants (synthetic or cotton-poly blend. NO BLUE JEANS!)
- One long-sleeve shirt (lightweight or synthetic for sun and bug protection)
- Two T-shirts
- Minimum of 2 pairs of underwear
- Minimum of 2 -3 pairs of wool or synthetic socks
- 1 lightweight fleece jacket
- Bandana
- Boots with good ankle support (These will be wet every day. The Northern Tier Trading Post sells the Merrill Moab Mid – which is a great boot for the trail.)

All participants/staff are required to wear boots that have full ankle coverage, a rugged stitched or vulcanized sole and drainage at the instep. Boots should not be waterproof. If you are unsure if the boots you are planning to bring meet this requirement please feel free to contact us prior to your arrival. The Northern Tier Trading Post sells the Merrill Moab Mid Ventilator, which meets the requirement. The health and safety of our participants is of utmost importance to us, for this reason there are no exceptions to the boot requirement.

- Camp shoes (sneakers or moccasins - must be closed toe, closed heel, NO SANDALS)
- Shorts or a swim suit. (Staff may not wear revealing bathing suits such as speedos or bikinis.)
- Rain gear (jacket or pants. NO PONCHOS!)
- Stocking Cap and Mittens/Gloves for cool nights and mornings.
- Hat with broad brim for sun and rain protection
- Extra shoe/boot laces or parachute cord

****Item available for check-out if you do not have your own***