



PAWS FOR ADVENTURE

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PACKING LIST FOR CAMPING TRIPS

CLOTHING

Fleece or wool hat or musher type hat

Neck warmer or balaclava

Light weight/silk weight base layer (moisture wicking – **no cotton**)

Mid-weight or extreme weight polypro-type top and bottom (we like Mtn Hardware Power Stretch extreme weight tights)

Fleece top and bottom (Mtn. Hardware Windstopper is great – we also like extreme weight Patagonia)

Camp booties or other insulated smaller boots for camp

Wool or winter weight polypro socks – at least 2 pair for overnight

Light weight glove liners

Fleece or other snow gloves

WE CAN PROVIDE

Arctic outer layer (we provide or you might check a reputable dealer for suitable gear)

Arctic boots (rated at least –40F, doesn't necessarily mean you'll stay warm at –40F; the colder the rating, the better, "Neos" overboots are great)

We have arctic mitts to loan

ALSO A GREAT IDEA TO BRING

Chemical hand-warmers

Handi-wipes (individually packaged, they freeze)

Toilet paper – small quantity for trail use

If you wear glasses – they will fog easily with all your gear on; Contacts seem easier to deal with in the cold

Sunglasses or goggles (we have goggles to borrow)

Cameras and video cameras: batteries tend to freeze quickly – bring extra or a way to warm them (chemical warmers in insulated camera bag – the ones with adhesive work well)

PERSONAL GEAR

Bring any necessary toiletries or personal comforts, within reason. Your personal gear will travel with you in your sled bag, pulled by your dog team.

Liquid items will freeze – bring small quantities – they are easier to thaw in the tents.

Your personal gear should fit in a small duffle for the trail. Most clothing you will be wearing. You might bring changes of inner layers, extra socks, glove liners or neck warmers. You can easily dry clothing in the wood-heated Arctic Ovens at night.

CAMPING EQUIPMENT

A cot, sleeping pad and arctic-rated sleeping bag is provided.

We choose to do most of our camping trips in the more comfortable winter months of February and March. Longer daylight hours and usually warmer temperatures make for a wonderful sled dog camping experience. However, we are prepared for the worst of weather and practice safety first. We have snowmachine support for transporting our camps and assisting any mushers through rough spots in the trail. The snowmachine will be in range, but out of sight and smell most of the time. Iron dogs are part of our tour for support and safety, but we choose to keep them "out of the way" unless necessary.