What to pack in: You may pack in anything that you’d like; a backpack is easiest to carry, but a duffel bag is perfectly acceptable. No wheeled luggage please!

**Essential Gear**

**Clothes**
- 2 tee-shirts
- 1 pair of shorts
- 1 bathing suit
- 1 pair lightweight pants; **no jeans** (they get wet and cold!) Leggings are fine.
- 1 wool or fleece sweater
- 2 sets (top & bottom) **synthetic** long underwear, such as polypropylene or capilene. Any types containing cotton are not acceptable. Cotton robs the body of essential heat when it is wet. One set will be for paddling in and the other for camping in.
- 1 pair of old sneakers that you don’t mind sacrificing to the water, mud, and other elements which you may encounter. Neoprene booties work well for warmth as well as tromping around. Sturdy sandals, such as Tevas, are also acceptable.
- 1 pair of camp shoes – sneakers, crocs, sandals, etc.
- sturdy hiking boots with good ankle support - they **must** be broken in prior to the trip and should fit with at least 1 pair of wool socks
- 1 wool hat
- 1 hat for sun and bug protection
- underwear for 4 days
- 3 pairs wool socks
- 1 pair fleece or mittens or gloves
- rain gear: rain jacket & pants are ideal, but a parka is acceptable

**Gear**
- sleeping bag (pack this inside a tough garbage bag inside its regular stuff sack to help ensure dryness. If you have a down sleeping bag it is essential that it is water tight - down loses all ability to keep you warm when it gets wet!!)
- sleeping pad (closed-cell pads or Therma-Rests® please, open cell foam pads act like sponges)
- wetsuit - the Outing Club will provide wetsuits, but if you have one that you really like, bring it along.
- 1 of each: cup/mug, bowl, spoon (no glass)
- 2 water bottles (no glass)
- Flashlight or headlamp and extra batteries
- sunscreen - this is **essential**. This trip has the potential to expose participants to lots of sun from both direct light and reflected light.
- sunglasses
- a few extra garbage bags
- toilet kit: its contents should be those things that you cannot live without (toothbrush, toothpaste, tampons, biodegradable soap)
- Small daypack
- Small towel

**Optional Gear**
- camera (the Outing Club loves copies of good photos)
- journal and pen/pencil
- reading material (a small paperback)
- pocket knife
- bug repellent
- instrument for around the campfire