



Taylor Statten Camps

Special Canoe Trip Information & Application Policy

The Special Tripping programme at the Taylor Statten Camps is for many the pinnacle of their summer camping experience and for many it becomes a “rite of passage” to participate in each of the trips. For this reason, most long trips are oversubscribed each year. In response to this, the Taylor Statten Camps has developed an application policy to ensure fairness and experience are taken into account when allocating spaces on these trips each year.

Important Note Regarding Trip Progression: Although all TSC Special Canoe Trips are subject to minimum ages and other prerequisites (please see below), TSC understands and appreciates that not all campers wish to progress through the TSC Special Canoe Trip programme and undertake the longest trips offered that require a full session (2 month) stay at the Taylor Statten Camps (i.e. Quetico/Ishpatina, and 50-Day). TSC recommends that for campers only wanting to stay for either the July or August sessions throughout their camper journey at TSC they should complete a Temagami Trip at age 14, Barron River at age 15, and Kipawa at age 16 (and will be placed with age appropriate cabin mates). Kindly note that the various progressions listed below are interchangeable provided minimum age requirements are met (for example, a camper staying for a one-month Special Trip may choose to move to a two-month trip the following year).

Important Note Regarding 17 Year Old Campers - Once campers reach the age of 17 (i.e. turning 17 in the calendar year) they are eligible for TSC’s Junior Counsellor (JC) Program, which is a paid staff position (and kindly note that TSC considers all applications for this program equally, regardless of whether a camper has finished their camper years as a one month or two month camper). In response to the overwhelming success and popularity of TSC’s JC Program, TSC is in the process of phasing out 17 year old campers. TSC will accept 17 year old campers in 2024 provided that they are participating in the 50-Day Canoe trip. More information about the JC program is below.

Long Canoe Trips 2024

Temagami – Extended canoe tripping for campers that already have previous Algonquin Park canoe tripping experience. Trips leave from various access points in Temagami. Highlights may include visits to Paradise Lagoon, McConnell Bay and many new destinations. Trips vary in length depending on camper age. Available at ages 12, 13 and 14 - at each age, trip length and destinations will vary.

Barron River – Starting at Canoe Lake, campers trip across the west side of Algonquin Park all the way through to the east side culminating in Barron Canyon. Highlights include Lake Eustache, the Petawawa River, and passage through remote corners of Algonquin Park not previously reached on normal park trips. Trips are 12-14 days in length.

Kipawa – 22 days in the Kipawa region in Quebec, with passage through La Verendrye Provincial Park. Highlights include Lake Kipawa and Turner Falls. Kipawa can be completed the summer your camper turns 14, 15 or 16



Quetico – 36 days of canoe tripping in Quetico Provincial park in western Ontario. Highlights include visits to Rebecca Falls, experiencing parts of Lake Superior National forest, and tripping through the US/Canada Boundary Waters culminating at the Grand Portage. Quetico can be completed the summer your camper turns 15 or 16. Campers must have completed a Kipawa Trip to participate.

Ishpatina – 36 days of canoe tripping through the Biscotasing and Temagami regions of Ontario. Highlights include visits to Ishpatina Ridge (the highest point in Ontario) and Smooth Water Provincial Park. Ishpatina can be completed the summer your camper turns 15 or 16. Campers must have completed a Kipawa Trip to participate.

Bisco – 42 days of Canoe Tripping in Biscotasing and Temagami. Highlights may include Rocky Island Lake, the Town of Biscotasi, Sunny Water Lake and the Spanish River. Bisco can be completed the summer your camper turns 15 or 16. Campers must have completed a Quetico or Ishpatina trip to participate.

50-Day – The Big One. Campers work together with their staff to plan their last canoe trip as campers. Routes may include passage through Biscotasing, Temagami, Kipawa, Killarney, Lake Superior, the French River and Algonquin Park. Can be completed the summer your camper turns 16. Campers must have completed a Quetico or Ishpatina trip to participate.

Age guide

Trip	Duration	Min Age	Pre-requisite
Temagami	varies	12	Algonquin Park Canoe Trip of 4+ nights
Barron River	14 day	14	Temagami
Kipawa	22 day	14	Barron River
Quetico	36 day	15	Kipawa
Ishpatina	36 day	15	Kipawa
Bisco	42 day	16	Quetico or Ishpatina
50-Day	50 day	16	Quetico or Ishpatina

Application Process – All applicants are asked to state their 1st and 2nd choices for canoe trips. Priority for places on trips will be given to those according to the stated Priority Age and canoe trip experience pre-requisites. Although the time of application is not necessarily a determining factor in a successful application (i.e. places on Long Trips are not generally allocated on a first come first serve basis), applications made on or prior to 31 December 2023 will be given first consideration. Applications received after this date will be considered subject to capacity restrictions.

Application Questionnaire – To ensure the safety of your camper on a TSC Special Canoe Trip, TSC will be implementing a camper Questionnaire/Prequalification process designed to ensure the ‘fitness’ of each applicant matches their intended canoe trip. Questionnaires will be emailed to families after an application for a Special Canoe Trip has been made. All information provided will be kept confidential and TSC may implement pre-trip workshops upon arrival at camp as needed.



Depending on the needs of each cabin grouping, the start of a Special Canoe Trip may include in-camp training sessions prior to embarkation.

Campers who have reached the age of 17 years – TSC recommends that for those that will be turning 17 in calendar year 2024 participate in TSC's Junior Counsellor program (as a member of our Summer staff). If you wish for your 17 year old to be considered for a place on a Special Canoe Trip instead, kindly contact the TSC Business Office for more information. Please note that we are unable to accept any camper that has reached the age of 18 years by the start of camp or at any time during their camp session.

Deposits – As with all one-month sessions at TSC, Temagami, Barron River, and Kipawa, require a deposit of \$2000 payable upon application. For Quetico, Ishpatina, Bisco and 50 day canoe trips (two-month sessions), a deposit of \$3000 is payable upon application. This deposit is deemed non-refundable once space is confirmed by TSC on any of these special canoe trips. The balance is payable on April 1st.

Notification Policy – In accordance with our Terms & Conditions confirmation of a place and cabin mates on a special canoe trip will usually be provided by the mid-March. Confirmation of staffing for special trips are usually confirmed by end of May.

Cabin Mate Requests – The TSC cabin group policy will apply (see Terms & Conditions), however because of the importance of canoe trip dynamics and cohesion, applications from submitted, reciprocal cabin requests of up to seven (7) campers may be given preference in the application process. Canoe trips may consist of between four (4) to seven (7) campers. Groups consisting of less than seven (7) may have members added at the discretion of TSC management. No guarantees of particular staff or cabin mates are given at any time.

Minimum Ages – The minimum age requirement of a special trip means the age of the camper on or before December 31 on the calendar year of the canoe trip. Meeting the minimum age requirement is not a guarantee of a place on any canoe trip, although all campers must meet the age and other requirements to be part of a grouping; just being friends with a group of people is not the only factor that is taken into account.

Custom Garments – As cabin groupings and staff allocations are subject to change, TSC requests that campers and parents do NOT produce custom canoe trip commemoration garments or other items (listing staff and camper participants) until after the canoe trip is complete and has returned to camp. TSC is unable to provide compensation for any losses incurred in the production of custom garments due to unforeseen camper or staff changes prior or during canoe trip.

Junior Counsellor (JC) Leadership Programme

Upon reaching the age of 17, many campers choose to make the transition from camper into TSC staff member. You must be at least 17 years old on or before December 31 2024 of your JC year to be able to participate in TSC's JC Programme. This is one of the reasons that TSC places minimum

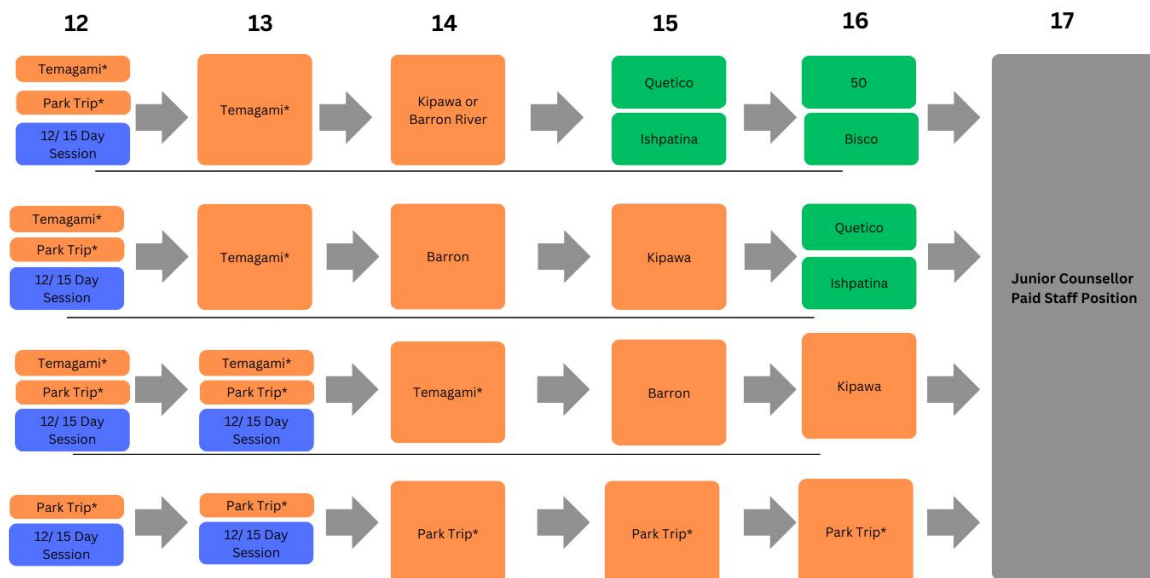


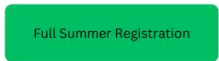
age requirements on its tripping programme to ensure that campers make a smooth progression from camper into its leadership training programme. Parents are asked to plan and consider carefully their child's progression through their senior years of TSC's in-camp and Special Canoe Trip programme to take into account their wish for their child to become a JC at the age of 17.


There are limited spaces on TSC's JC Programme each Summer; priority for positions is always given to returning campers that have participated in TSC's Special Canoe Trip Programme the previous year.

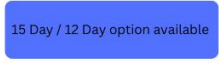
Trip Progression Options

Below you will find a few different trip progressions available to your camper. We suggest working backwards from what they plan to do at 16 year old to plan according each year.



-  Full Summer Registration

At any age, campers are welcome to go on a "Park Trip". Park trips are in Algonquin Park, and are included in your regular camp fees.
Starting at Age 12, campers are welcome to register for one of our many "Special Trips"
-  1 Month Session

There are many paths of Canoe Trips available to our campers. To best choose your campers summer plans, we suggest you work backwards from the summer they turn 16
-  15 Day / 12 Day option available

* Temagami and Park Trips vary in length and destination depending on camper age and be repeated year after year