

We are excited for your student to come to Widjiwagan!

Widjiwagan means comradeship or friendship in the Ojibwa language. We hope that your child will build stronger friendships with his or her classmates and teachers as they explore the north woods. The information here will answer many of your questions and help you prepare your student for a successful, safe and fun experience at Widji.

Each student will also receive an information sheet which contains information about the activities the class will do, our food and cabins, and our behavior expectations. Please read through that information with your student to help them understand what to expect during their stay at Widji.

Your child's welfare is our first and foremost concern. Our staff members are professionals, trained to work with youth in an outdoor setting. These young men and women are here because they love to work with elementary and secondary students. In addition, they are trained in first aid, lifeguarding and CPR. Many are certified Wilderness First Responders. We also have a well-stocked health service on site and the town of Ely, located 14 miles from Camp has both a clinic and a hospital.

Your school will provide you with a clothing list for your student. Please try to follow it as closely as possible. Purchasing new clothes is not necessary as older clothing works just fine! We also have extra rain gear, boots, hats, long underwear, wool socks, other warm layers and sleeping bags to lend out to students who need them. Please make sure your student has a backpack with them in order to carry extra layers with them during activities.

You are welcome to write your child while he or she is at Widji. Our address is: Camp Widjiwagan, 3788 N. Arm Rd, Ely, MN 55731. Please do not call your student unless it is an emergency. We keep the students very busy and engaged in activities and there is not time for all the members of a class to receive phone calls. More importantly, we have found that phone calls can lead to homesickness and we try to avoid that as much as possible!

We really appreciate your support and help in preparing your student for a great experience at Widji. We look forward to their visit!!!