



Summer Search Leadership Expedition Travel and Logistics



Course Start Location and Arrival/Departure Dates

Expedition Starting Location (Summer Search provides transportation)

NOLS Northeast

Paul Smith's College, Clinton Hall

7777 NY-30

Paul Smith's, NY 12970

Summer Search drop off students at NOLS

4:00 pm the afternoon of **August 2, 2026**.

Summer Search pick up students from NOLS and head home

Between 1:00 and 3:00 pm **August 17, 2026**.

There will be an orientation meeting at NOLS Northeast when you arrive. This meeting gives you an opportunity to get acquainted with your instructors and review the course route and schedule.

Travel Arrangements

Summer Search will organize all travel to NOLS NE. Please contact Summer Search with any questions or concerns.

Accommodations

NOLS Northeast stages courses at Paul Smith's College in Paul Smith's, NY, on the northwest side of the Adirondacks, and will provide us with quick access to our wilderness classrooms. All students will spend one night camping on campus before the course.

Storage of Personal Belongings

Personal belongings may be stored at the NOLS facility for the duration of your course. Due care will be taken to prevent theft or damage of your stored items. **NOLS does not assume any liability for lost, stolen, or damaged personal property while in our care.**

Student Mail

You will be able to receive mail before and after your course, but you might not receive or be able to send out mail while you are in the field. Inform your family and friends that letters and packages they send to you must include your course code, (e.g., (YSXE 8/03/25))

For packages shipped via UPS or FedEx, please use the following address:

Student Name
c/o NOLS (YSXE 8/03/25)
Paul Smith's College, Clinton Hall
7777 NY-30
Paul Smith's, NY 12970

For letters and/ or United States Postal Service mail, please use the following address:

Student Name
c/o NOLS Northeast (YSXE 8/03/25)
P.O. Box 411
Gabriels, NY 12939

Telephone

You will be out of telephone contact for the duration of your field experience, and cell phones only occasionally work in Gabriels, NY. There will be limited opportunities to make phone calls the night before your course, and on the ending date.

First and Last Day

The first day is busy. All phone calls, letters, and personal matters must be attended to in the evening before leaving for the field. After an early breakfast, instructors will check your equipment and issue any items you need for the course. You will prepare your backpacking food, then pack up to leave town. Once last minute details are completed

(generally after lunch), you will be transported to the trailhead to spend your first night camping.

On the last day, you will be picked up early in the morning and transported via NOLS vehicles back to NOLS Northeast. Upon arrival, you will clean, repair, and return issued equipment, then take that long-awaited shower. The experience concludes with lunch and the awarding of diplomas. Summer Search will then provide transportation home.