

Region Ten  
Boy Scouts of America  
1124 Minnesota Building  
St. Paul, Minnesota

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# CANOE TRAILS TO ADVENTURE



To those seeking "High Adventure" a Canoe Trip holds endless possibilities. Region Ten's Canoe Trails, traversing endless miles of lakes and rivers through the northern wilderness, offer thrilling adventure on the ancient routes of the fur brigades just as they were traveled by the Voyageurs of the Hudson Bay and North West Companies more than two hundred years ago.

A canoe trip over these routes is America's last challenge to the pioneer spirit. Lazy paddling along the tree-shadowed shore of a peaceful lake, the breath-taking dash through "white water", the portage trails, worn smooth by the measured feet of generations of Indians and voyageurs, the evening camp with trout and bacon sizzling over the fire, and the soft bed of fragrant balsam boughs, all help to make these trips long to be remembered.

Region Ten provides competent instructors, the best of canoes, waterproof tents, up-to-date cooking outfits, individual ponchos and packsacks; in fact, the most experienced leadership and the best equipment which can be found for such trips.

## Leadership -

C. S. Chase, veteran of the Canoe Trails and Scout Executive of the Headwaters Council, will again direct the 1937 trips. He has conducted eighty trips without a major accident. Assisting him will be an able staff, all experts, and dependable Scout leaders. R. C. Kirkpatrick, veteran of the Trails, will be assistant in charge of the Base. Latest methods of handling commissary and wilderness menus and cooking are employed.

## Schedule of Regular Region Ten Trips -

Local Councils: This year trips will be conducted for Local Council parties of eight or more from July 18th to September 5th. Almost any route desired by the group will be followed. Before making application, check with Council officials for dates they have selected. Special opportunities for trips are open to Councils. Try a moose hunting trip (by camera) in the Lake of the Woods country, exploration trips along the border, etc., etc.

Individuals: If your Local Council is not planning a trip this year or you cannot go on their dates, you may go with other Scout parties made up at the Base Camp.



### Special Trip:

A special two weeks trip for advanced campers will leave Hibbards Lodge on August 1st and return August 14th. Swinging northward into the Hunters' Island country of Canada, this party will penetrate a great wilderness of silence and solitude and will follow trails thru the interminable network of lakes and rivers of this fisherman's and camper's paradise. Limited registrations for this trip! Register early to avoid disappointment!

### Cost:

Regular trips \$11.50 each. Trip Three, the Hunters' Island Trip (2 weeks), \$20.00. Fee includes leadership, equipment, supplies, and supper and lodging on Sunday and breakfast Monday at Hibbard's Lodge before shoving off. Reservations must be made through your Council on the blank provided.

### Requirements:

1. Minimum Rank - First Class with Cooking and Swimming Merit Badges.
2. Minimum Age - 15 years. Weight and height meeting physical standard for age.
3. Adequate Local Council and Troop camping record.
4. Clear registration as a Scout or Scouter.
5. Council, Troop, and Parental approval. Subject to final approval and acceptance by Director of Canoe Trips.
6. Health Certificate (standard) showing weight and absence of physical defects. Final check-up at Base Camp. Secure Health History blanks from your Council Scout Office and deliver to Canoe Trip Director on arrival.

Scouters must meet the equivalent of the above requirements.

### Arrival at Base Camp:

Canoeists will arrive not later than 4:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon at Base Camp located at Hibbard's Lodge, 22 miles northeast of Ely, Minnesota, the night being spent here in order that necessary instructions may be given, physical check-up made, and equipment issued. Canoeists must be on hand at this time (no exceptions to this rule). Shove off early Monday morning. Return 11:00 A.M., Saturday following.

### Reporting:

Canoeists report to C. S. Chase, Director, or Assistant Director in charge of the Base, at Hibbard's Lodge, 22 miles northeast of Ely - inquire at Ely - not later than 4:00 P.M., Sunday (the period for which you have registered). Drive direct to the Lodge (22 miles - road well-marked). Here you leave your car, valuables, "civies", etc., in perfect safety while on the trip. Sunday evening meal, lodging Sunday night, and breakfast Monday morning at Hibbard's Lodge is provided. Report promptly on arrival. You will have opportunity to check your pack Sunday afternoon and be ready to start early Monday morning.

Health Histories:

Bring your Health History blank with you. It must be completely filled out not earlier than six days before the trip and signed by a physician and your parents. Applicants for trips will be rejected without this record. No exceptions to this rule.

Eligibility:

Keep in mind, Scouts eligible for this trip must be at least 15 years of age, First Class, and weight, and height meeting physical standard for age. Applicants must meet all requirements, otherwise they will not be allowed to make the trip.

1 Council Camping Opportunity:

The Wilderness Canoe Trip project is an advanced camping project for Local Councils, directed and supervised by the Region through the Regional Camping Committee with the cooperation of the Headwaters Council. Therefore, each Local Council is urged thru its Camping Committee to consider the Wilderness Canoe Trips as a part of their own Council camping program. It is recommended that the Council Camping Committee include in its year's program definite plans for enrolling advanced campers, both Scouts and Scouters, for the Canoe Trips.

WHAT TO BRING

"High Adventure":

Having registered for a splendid adventure, it only remains for you to get the most out of the Region Ten Wilderness Canoe Trails. Inquire of your Scout Executive if there are others from your Council registered for the same trip you are taking. If someone is driving, others may go in the same car and thus decrease cost of transportation. Do not hitch-hike.

Equipment needed in the land of the Pudding Stones:

(Pudding Stones, by the way, are not good for food, but make pretty fair pillows)

Necessary

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| 2 Hudson Bay blankets or 4 thicknesses of ordinary blankets.  | 1 Pr. old tennis shoes or oxfords         |
| 1 Scout Hat   | 1 Pr. shoes or boots                      |
| 1 Scout Shirt (cotton)  | 3 Handkerchiefs                           |
| 1 Scout long trousers, either cotton or wool (wool preferred) | 1 Scout neckerchief                       |
| 1 Sweater, mackinaw, or lumberjacket                          | 1/2 Bar toilet soap (floating)            |
| 1 Suit light underwear  | 2 Towels                                  |
| 2 Pr. wool socks  | 1 Comb                                    |
|   | 1 Small mirror                            |
|   | 1 Sewing kit                              |
|   | Knife, fork, spoon, and plate.            |
|   | 1 Cub (not aluminum as it conducts heat.) |

Please use this as a check list and check off each item.

Optional but Helpful

Kodak, field glasses, musical instruments (mouth organ, Jews' harp, sweet potato, flute, or fife), fishing tackle consisting of trowing line, large spoon hood, daredevil, joined wobbler, jarvi spoon and big sinkers. You can purchase tackle at Ely.

"Remember the portages and you will keep the pack light".

Awards:

Each Scout taking a trip will receive the "Canoe Trail" medallion for use on the Scout uniform. In addition there are Bronze, Gold, and Silver Paddle Awards for careful attention to camping fundamentals, use of a camera and careful observation. Application blanks for these awards are presented to each camper at the Base Camp.

*See you on the  
Region Ten  
Wilderness  
Canoe  
Trials  
this  
Summer!*



# REGION TEN CANOE TRAIL HONOR BRONZE PADDLE AWARD

A Bronze Paddle is available to any Scout or Scouter participating in any Region Ten Canoe Trip, who successfully meets the following requirements:

- 1) Be able to identify twenty-five trees and tell uses such as lumber ties, furniture, etc. (Attach a list of the Trees.) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Be able to identify fifteen plants and state value to animal and human life. (Attach a list of the plants.) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Learn at least one new camping skill. What is it? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Send in at least three clear photos taken by yourself on the trip showing something of real interest. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Submit a story, diary, or log of the trip; or a printed newspaper article about the trip written by yourself. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) Complete 5 Merit Badge Requirements while on canoe trip. May be parts of any Merit Badges. (List here). \_\_\_\_\_

- 7) I hereby certify that all of the above requirements have been met and make application for the Bronze Paddle.

Council \_\_\_\_\_ Scout \_\_\_\_\_

Executive \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

- 8) The above Scout has met our approval in matters of Scouting conduct, skills, and camp sportsmanship.

Guide \_\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_

When all items have been completed, this blank should be forwarded to -

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